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ROOS OFF ON MAKE OR BREAK TOUR

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The national squad left yesterday (Tuesday) on an Asian and European tour that will make or break the fringe players and give us a fair idea of how Australia will fare in the World Cup qualifying matches next year.

It will also show the wisdom or otherwise of coach **Jim Shoulder's** decision not to use **Branko Buljevic** (JUST), **Neville Morgan** (St George) and **Paul Degney** (Marconi).

Shoulder has come under strong criticism for omitting these three stars — especially Buljevic who is better than any forwards in the squad.

His great skill and big-match experience would be invaluable in the hectic tour schedule.

Let's hope he's included in the team for the World Cup matches next year.

The tour starts with a difficult match against Indonesia in Jakarta. This is followed by two relatively easy games against Singapore and Hong Kong before the Socceroos travel to China for two games against the Chinese national team.

From then on, it's an uphill battle. There's little hope that we'll beat Israel in Tel Aviv and even less hope that we'll do well in West Germany, Holland or England.

I expect the tour to show up Australia's glaring problem in defence.

Without a **Ray Richards**-type defensive midfielder, the back four has been dangerously exposed.

For this reason, **Peter Wilson** has not looked the tower of strength he was when he had Richards' cover.

The touring players are:

Goalkeepers: **Todd Clarke** (Hakoah-ES), **Allan Maher** (Marconi).

Full backs: **Doug Utjesenovic** (St George), **George Harris** (St. George), **Harry Williams** (St George), **Jim Tansey** (Slavia).

Centre backs: **Peter Wilson** (Western Suburbs), **Richie Bell** (Pan Hellenic), **Col Bennett** (APIA).

Midfielders: **Dave Harding** (Western Suburbs), **Agenor Muniz** (Hakoah-ES), **Jimmy Rooney** (APIA), **Gary Byrne** (Marconi), **Gary Marochhi** (Azzurri, WA).

Forwards: **Murray Barnes** (Hakoah-ES), **Peter Ollerton** (SM-Hellas), **John Kosmina** (Polonia, SA), **John Nyskohus** (Lion, SA), **Atti Abonyi** (St George).

Why no TV coverage?

Slavia president Mr Peter Collins last week criticised the ASF and television stations for failing to arrange TV coverage of Australia's Asian and European tour.

At a farewell lunch for Victoria's Socceroos Jim Tansey and Peter Ollerton, Mr Collins said: "There should be a cameraman and TV reporter following this tour.

"Imagine 45 minutes of tour highlights on TV. It would be fantastic for soccer and I'm sure it would have a huge viewing audience.

"In Asia, spectators will flock to Australia's games in their thousands. The atmosphere will be electric and it will lift our players to their greatest heights.

"This is the Australian public's chance to see their team playing its best soccer.

"To me it's extremely short-sighted of the television networks not to send someone along to cover this tour.

"We must also be critical of the Australian Soccer Federation for not having pushed for such coverage."

World champ to kick off

World boxing champion Eckhard Dagge (pictured) of West Germany will visit Australia with Berlin team Hertha 03 in January.

Dagge will kick off Hertha's games, including one against a Hellas-JUST combined team at Olympic Park. (See page 7).

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ENGLAND?

A scene from the World Cup qualifying match in which England scraped home to win 2-1 against Finland.

Finland's Esko Ranta (No. 5) punches the ball off the line in the fourth minute of play but before referee Ulf Eriksson could signal a penalty, England's Dennis Tueart (right) shot into the net to put England 1-0 up.

The narrow result was disappointing to English fans.

On pages 8 and 9 of this issue, Eric Batty analyses England's ills at international level.

BOBEK SOUGHT BY ALEXANDER

Fitzroy Alexander has been negotiating to sign one of the world's top coaches, Stefan Bobek.

Bobek, a Yugoslav, coached Greek First Division club Panathinaikos, Yugoslav club Partizan and Legia Warsaw of Poland.

Alexander president **Jim Mangopoulos** said: "We are very interested in signing Bobek and representatives of our club are talking with him in Europe.

"We should know one way or another within the next few days.

lot of money, but I'm sure the money could be found."

Mangopoulos said he was anxious to get a coach before signing players.

"The coach knows best what type of player he wants, so it would be wise to leave it to the man who eventually gets the job," Mr Mangopoulos said.

Alexander is known to be interested in Socceroo Jimmy Rooney of APIA-Leichhardt.

Rooney is determined to play for a Melbourne National League club next

Battle for change in promotion

A strong move will be made at the Victorian Soccer Federation annual meeting tomorrow (Thursday) to introduce two up, two down to the State League.

At the moment only one team is promoted to the State League every year and only one is relegated.

The annual meeting will also feature an election tussle between Les Shorrock and Tommy Burns for the position of VSF vice-president.

Mr Burns is the retiring vice-presdent. Mr Shorrock is a VSF Board member and former vice-chairman of the Metropolitan League.

To introduce two up, two down the motion must be supported by two-thirds of all votes.

The 48 Metropolitan League clubs have one vote each and the 12 State League clubs four votes each.

That means the motion would have to be supported by at least 64 votes.

The Metropolitan League starts at a disadvantage, as the expulsion of the North Carlton club leaves the league one vote

State League club Mooroolbark is expected to support the move.

It's not known how Hellas, JUST and Alexander will vote.

The fact that these clubs have joined the National League does not affect their voting rights at the meeting.

Providing all Metropolitan League clubs vote for the motion, it would need five "defectors" from the State League to push it through.

It remains to be seen whether Green Gully, which has been promoted to the State League, and Frankston, Lions and Altona which are also due for promotion, will support the move.

JUST v Avala

Footscray JUST will go to Sydney on November 7 to play a friendly match

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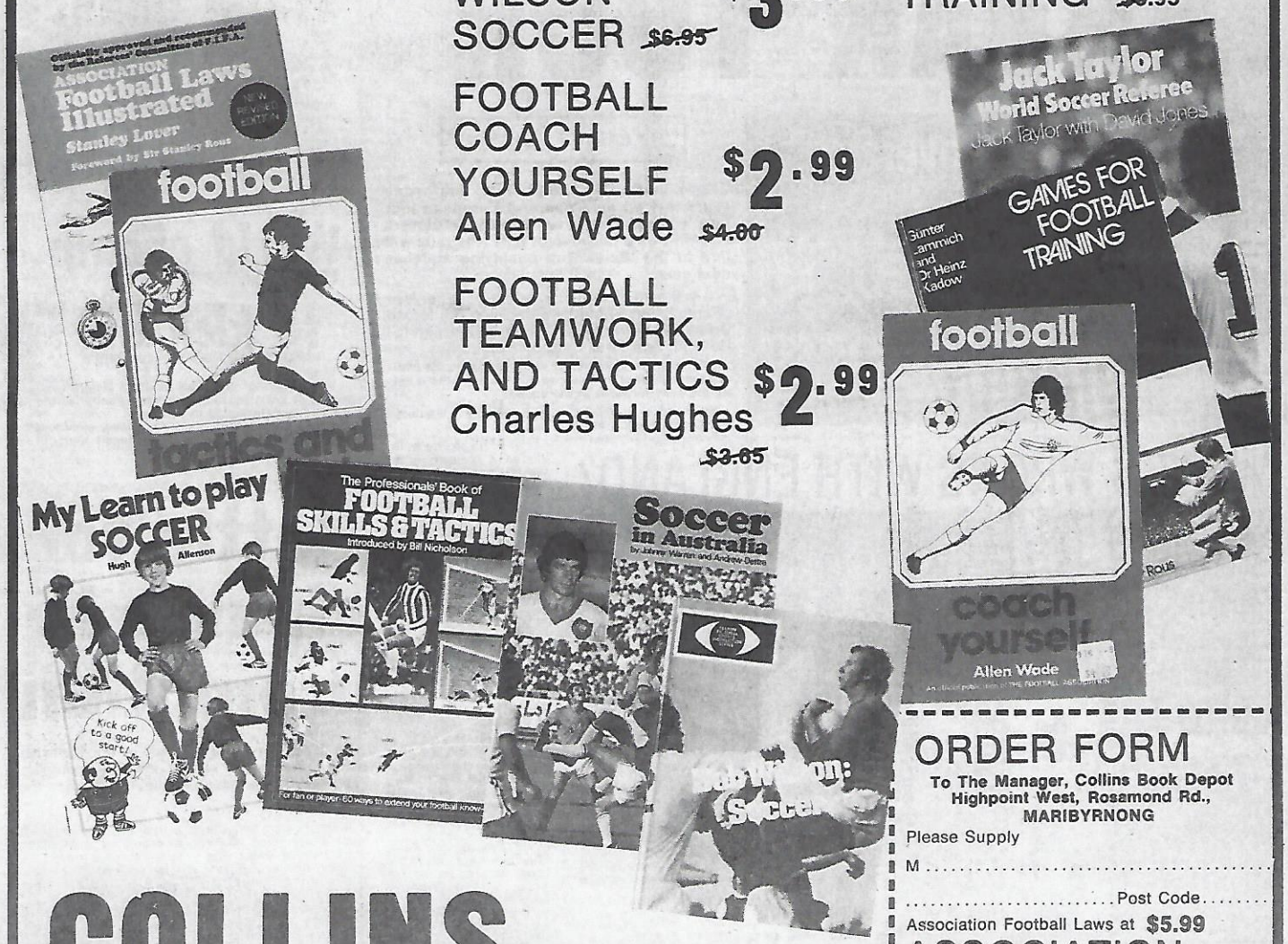

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J.U.S.T. IN THE FINAL!

Armstrong stars in Hellas revival

LAURIE SCHWAB on the State League Cup

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Ristovski 40th, Palinkas 43rd), SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Cummings 51st, Ollerton 69th). Attendance: 5,209.

Player ratings out of 10:

J.U.S.T.: Boland 4; Parrott 8, Kriaris 8, Kondarios 5, Kazi 5; Ilioski 5, Micic 5, Picioane 5 (Milisavljevic 82nd); Palinkas 7, Buljevic 6, Ristovski 7.

HELLAS: Kennedy 6; Batticciotto 6, Kalafatidis 6, Walker 6, Hagegmanouil 5; Bourne (injured, sub Andrews 5, 27th min), Daperis 7, Mackay 7; Cummings 5, Ollerton 5, Armstrong 8.

By fighting back after trailing 0-2, Hellas showed why it won the league championship, but a draw was enough for J.U.S.T., which qualified for the State League Cup final.

It was a hell of a game so the final between these two giants should draw a big crowd.

The match was also memorable because of the excellent performances of Hellas' **Jim Armstrong** and J.U.S.T.'s **Alan Parrott** and **Jim Kriaris**.

Armstrong operated deep, fighting for the ball and setting up attacks but luck eluded him when he had good chances to score.

Kriaris did the central defensive work almost by himself because Jim Kondarios had an off day.

Parrott was as busy as a one-armed paper hanger, defending and tackling grandly and moving upfield with dynamic bursts of speed and strength.

Peter Ollerton, playing his last game before the Socceroos' world tour, became the top Victorian goalscorer of 1976 when he rammed home Hellas' equalising goal from a square pass by Armstrong.

It brought Ollerton's tally to 27 — one more than Graham French of Mooroolbark.

Ollerton scored 10 in the league, four in the Dockerty Cup, seven in the Ampol Cup, three for Australia, one for Victoria and two in the State League Cup.

Hellas started the game with a quick attack in which **Duncan Cummings** passed to Ollerton, who evaded a tackle by **Andy Kazi** and headed for goal.

However, Kazi recovered quickly and was on hand to block Ollerton's shot.

Seconds later Armstrong shot over the bar from the edge of the penalty area.

Then Armstrong led Parrott in a race to get to Ollerton's floated free kick. Armstrong got his head to the ball in a good position but put it over the bar.

In the 16th minute it was J.U.S.T.'s turn. **Joe Palinkas** launched a fine shot which **John Kennedy** tipped over the bar at full stretch.

Armstrong sent **Peter Bourne** away on a through ball. Goalkeeper **Dennis Boland** missed it but Kondarios was on the spot to clear off the line.

Boland was very shaky, due partly to a few heavy clashes which put him off his game.

Hellas lost Peter Bourne in the 27th minute when he limped off with a leg injury and was replaced by Howard Andrews.

Hellas had to rely on **Jimmy Mackay** now, and he came good in the second half. The other midfielder, **John Daperis**, was doing a defensive job, breaking up attacking in front of the back four and winning the ball well.

In the 28th minute Buljevic darted away from the defence, rounded Kennedy and stabbed the ball into the net only to be ruled offside.

Buljevic broke away again in the 37th minute, but this time **Steve Walker** pulled him back by the shirt and was shown the yellow card by referee Mellings.

Three minutes later Buljevic started an attack at the half line. He played a one-two with Picioane, then slipped a perfect pass through the defence to Mendo Ristovski who cut inside and scored from an extremely acute angle.

Kennedy said after the game that the shot deflected off the foot of Hellas left back **Margaritis Hagegmanouil**. Ristovski couldn't remember. He was just happy it went in.

In the 43rd minute Parrott stormed down the right flank from defence and crossed to the middle when Palinkas had only **Chris Kalafatidis** to contend with.

Palinkas controlled the ball expertly, stepped wide of Kalafatidis and hit the ball hard into the net from 20 metres.

Six minutes after the interval Armstrong lobbed a threatening ball into the penalty area, where Parrott headed it out.

Unfortunately for Parrott, the ball went straight to Duncan Cummings who gleefully returned it, into the back of the net.

Then a shot by Ollerton bounced off Boland to Armstrong who faced an open goal but Armstrong miskicked 10 metres out.

In the 63rd minute Boland was hurt in a clash with Ollerton and received treatment before play resumed.

Armstrong flashed into play yet again, sending a beautiful square pass into the path of Ollerton who smashed home Hellas' equaliser.

It was all Hellas as Armstrong turned on a short clearance but saw his shot stopped on the line by Boland.

Then Boland missed a square ball from Andrews, forcing Parrott to clear off the line.

Picioane, who had been partly responsible for one of J.U.S.T.'s goals, was replaced in the 82nd minute by **Jimmy Milislavljevic** who went back to strengthen the defence.

With six minutes to play J.U.S.T. had a golden opportunity to win the game. Ristovski cut back off the line but Parrott in the goal area missed the ball with his outstretched foot.

Star George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner holds the ball safely to stop a Mooroolbark attack. Also pictured, from left: Paul Deeming, Mike Clarey, Alex McConville (No. 2) and Kevin Kelly. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Goal! Peter Ollerton's shot enters the net for Hellas' equaliser against J.U.S.T., with goalkeeper Dennis Boland stranded. Others pictured, from left: Andy Kazi, Jimmy Mackay, Zoran Ilioski, Jim Kriaris, Jim Kondarios. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Leading scorers

Leading scorers in all games (State League, Dockerty Cup, Ampol Cup, State League Cup, State and national):

27. Ollerton (Hellas).
26. French (M'bark).
17. Armstrong (Hellas), Cumming (Sunshine).
16. Ristovski (J.U.S.T.).
15. Buljevic (J.U.S.T.).
14. Palinkas (J.U.S.T.).
13. Cummings (Hellas).
12. Murphy (GC).
11. Gibson (Alex), Lynn (Ring).
10. Wagstaff (GC), Gillan (Alex), McIntyre (Mak), Clarey (M'bark).

Still a chance for the Cross

George Cross has a slim chance of qualifying for the State League Cup final by beating South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park on Sunday.

A victory would give George Cross four points compared with Hellas' three.

J.U.S.T., which meets Mooroolbark, will qualify for the final on goal average, even if it happens to lose.

However, on form, both J.U.S.T. and Hellas should win on Sunday.

Even without **Peter Ollerton, Arthur Xanthopoulos** and perhaps **Peter Bourne** who was injured last week, Hellas has more talent than the Cross.

Armstrong is covering enough ground to make up for the possible absence of Bourne. He and **Jimmy Mackay** will control the game from midfield.

The way Mooroolbark has been playing, it has little hope of causing an upset against J.U.S.T.

Mooroolbark's defence was poor last week and its midfield was even worse.

J.U.S.T. died in the second half of its match against Hellas, but forwards **Branko Buljevic, Joe Palinkas** and **Mendo Ristovski** are still firing.

Matches, with likely winners in capitals: 1.30pm, FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v Mooroolbark; 3.15pm, HELLAS v George Cross.

STATE LEAGUE CUP LADDER
(Top two qualify for final)

	W	D	L	F	A	P%
J.U.S.T.	1	1	0	6	2	3
Hellas	1	1	0	4	3	3
George Cross	1	0	1	1	4	2
Mooroolbark	0	0	2	1	3	0

Italian Cup

The Italian Consulate and the Italian newspaper "Il Globo" will sponsor the revival of the Italian Cup, which will be played at Smith Reserve, Fawkner, from November 6 until December 5.

Competing clubs are: Juventus, Fawkner, Croxton Park, Bulleen, Thomastown, Regent, East Carlton, Kensington, Nunawading, Central Brunswick, East Brunswick and probably Essendon Triestina, which will decide in the next few days.

On paper it looks like a walkover for Juventus.

Let's hope Juventus uses an experimental team to make competition more even.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

WILL WAGSTAFF COME BACK?

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Murphy 2nd minute), MOOROOLBARK 0.

Player ratings out of 10:

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8; McConville 7, Kelly 5, Maitland 8, Barron 5; Deeming 5, Webb 6, Jones 5 (Lawler 72nd); Ebini 4, Murphy 4, Cullen 6.

MOOROOLBARK: Ivanoff 7; Bailey 4, Vaughan 7, O'Toole 4 (Haward 68th), Williamson 5 (injured, sub. Ontong 5 half-time); Pongho 6, Sinclair 4, Rigby 5, Tront 7; French 5, Clarey 5.

Before he left for England, Ken Wagstaff told me: "I'll be back in time for the State League Cup and mark my words, we'll win that Cup."

With the last qualifying round to be played on Sunday, there's no sign of Wagstaff.

Some at George Cross are speculating that he may not come back at all.

Others are adamant that he will come back as soon as he's settled private business in England.

Wagstaff has said that he's been offered the manager's job at English club Mansfield Town.

If he doesn't come back, he may take that job.

If he does turn up, he'll probably be looking for a job with a National League club.

Anyway, George Cross managed to beat Mooroolbark without him, due largely to the efforts of **Norm Maitland**, who beat **Graham French** for most of the game, and goalkeeper **Lou Kastner** who made many uncanny saves.

Mooroolbark's defence, in which only **Peter Vaughan** and **Lou Ivanoff** were effective, was weakened further just before half time when left back **Ian Williamson** limped off the ground.

He was later taken to hospital by ambulance with a suspected fractured leg.

George Cross scored its goal as early as the second minute.

Robert Cullen beat **Derek Bailey** and passed inside to **Paul Murphy** who scored from close range.

Cullen was devastating early but was subdued later by his shadow, **Alan Pongho**, who stuck resolutely to the task given him by coach **Archie Campbell**.

Barry O'Toole was trying to mark Murphy who had a nightmare match.

George Cross dominated the first half, with Cullen running well up front, **John Webb, Paul Deeming** and **Davy Jones** operating effectively in midfield and Maitland and **Alex McConville** sound in defence.

After half time, all that changed.

Joe Tront hit his straps and French became dangerous in the last 20 minutes.

About 15 minutes after the first goal, George Cross almost scored again with a shot by Jones but Vaughan cleared off the line with Ivanoff beaten.

The second half resumed with **Paul Ontong** on in place of Williamson.

French broke through the George Cross defence into the open but Kastner reacted quickly, diving to smother the shot. **Mike Sinclair** tried to follow up but missed the ball altogether.

In a fiery incident, Cullen threw the ball into Pongho's face and Pongho retaliated with a punch. Both were spoken to by referee **Beazleigh**.

A little later there was a clash between Ontong and McConville, who raised his fist to the winger.

French managed to get the ball while Maitland was occupied elsewhere but instead of shooting, French tried a short pass which was cleared.

In a great George Cross move, the ball darted from Deeming to Cullen, to **Peter Ebini** on the edge of the penalty area but Ebini couldn't get the ball under control and lost his chance to score.

In the 60th minute, **Dave Rigby** launched a hard shot from inside the penalty area, but acrobatic Kastner got a hand to it, and the deflection sent the ball crashing against the crossbar.

A clearance off the line by McConville sent the ball to French who lobbed it square over the defence to Tront in the open.

Tront took a mighty swipe at the ball but missed it altogether.

In the 68th minute, O'Toole, who had a poor game, was replaced by **Mal Hayward**.

Ontong broke away on a pass by **Mike Clarey** but was downed by McConville and then Tront tested Kastner with a powerful free kick.

FALCONS GET THE NOD

Morwell Falcons were expected, at the time we went to press, to be accepted into the Metropolitan League to fill the vacancy left by the expulsion of North Carlton.

The vacancy was at first expected to be filled by Geelong, which won the Provisional League championship.

However, it is believed that Morwell Falcons' submission was more impressive than Geelong's.

Apparently the Falcons have a lot of money and excellent ground facilities.

It is believed the VSF was also keen to give the Metropolitan League a strong foothold in the Latrobe Valley.

The decision is expected to anger Geelong which has been pushing for years to get into the Metropolitan League.

However, Falcons also have a proven record and should bring added strength to the Metro.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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FESTIVAL HALL

Two clashes will highlight games

Alexander v Green Gully and Sunshine v Altona highlight tomorrow's (Thursday's) round of five-a-side matches at Festival Hall.

John Gardiner of Essendon Lions evades a tackle by Hakoah's John Wallace, but has Stewart Blair to contend with next.

Alexander and Green Gully head the Section D table and Sunshine and Altona are on top of Section A. Sunshine had a brilliant 7-1 victory over Hellas in the first round and Altona beat Juventus 2-1.

The sequence of games for the second round are:

1st game: Mooroolbark v Hakoah.

2nd game: Slavia v Frankston.

3rd game: Alexander v Green Gully.

4th game: Hellas v Juventus.

Interval: 15 minutes.

5th game: Sunshine v Altona.

6th game: George Cross v Polonia.

7th game: Ringwood v Box Hill.

8th game: Makedonia v Essendon Lions.

Results and tables on the completion of the first round are:

Section 'A': Sunshine 7 (McRobert 4, Cumming 2, Lewis), Hellas 1 (Hagegmanouil); Juventus 1 (C. Lucchessi), Altona 2 (Little, Watters).

Section 'B': Mooroolbark 6 (French 2, Rigby 2, Vaughan, Sinclair), Makedonia 3 (Beech, Petrovski, Fox); Hakoah 0, Essendon Lions 2 (Culina, Kuzmanov).

Section 'C': George Cross 0, Slavia 1 (Gilder); Frankston 4 (Pryde, Irving, Buchanan 2), Polonia 2 (Herman, Jaworski).

Section 'D': Alexander 4 (Millar 3, Gibson), Ringwood 1 (Lynn); Green Gully 3 (M. Banagan 2, Segi), Box Hill 1 (Corke).

SECTION 'A' TABLE

Sunshine	1	0	0	7	1	2
Altona	1	0	0	2	1	2
Juventus	0	0	1	1	2	0
Hellas	0	0	1	1	7	0

SECTION 'B' TABLE

Essendon Lions	1	0	0	2	0	2
Mooroolbark	1	0	0	6	3	2
Makedonia	0	0	1	3	6	0
Hakoah	0	0	1	0	2	0

SECTION 'C' TABLE

Slavia	1	0	0	1	0	2
Frankston	1	0	0	4	2	2
Polonia	0	0	1	2	4	0
George Cross	0	0	1	0	1	0

SECTION 'D' TABLE

Alexander	1	0	0	4	1	2
Green Gully	1	0	0	3	1	2
Box Hill	0	0	1	1	3	0
Ringwood	0	0	1	1	4	0

Robert Cullen (right) of George Cross faces Slavia's Jim Train and John Cain (left).

MIGHTY APIA!

Class won it the big final

By BRIAN MOSSOP

APIA 1 (John Doyle 61st) ST GEORGE 0. Attendance: 10,900.

Player ratings out of 10:

APIA: McQuire 7; McGinn 7, Russell 8, Bennett 6, Jenkins 6; Rogers 9, Rooney 7, Wallace 9; Wilson 6, Doyle 6, Butler 7.

ST GEORGE: Coe 6; Utjesenovic 6, R. O'Shea 5 (Echeverria second half), Coton 6, Williams 6; J. O'Shea 7, Harris 5, Abonyi 5; Jankovic 7, Morgan 6, (Mendez second half), Aitken 7.

Referee: Richard Lorenc 9.

Its professional approach gave APIA a well earned 1-0 victory in the Sydney Grand final, and it's a tragedy that this greatest of all Australian clubs is not in the National League.

However, the huge crowd of 10,900 indicates that APIA will continue to be a force next year, that it will continue to attract its many Italian fans despite the fact that APIA will be playing only in the State competition.

Both APIA and St George started the game nervously, but Saints had the better of play.

They had an enormous number of free kicks and corners. **Doug Utjesenovic** was taking the frees and **Fred Aitken** the corners and all were aimed at the head of big **Neville Morgan**.

St George had a fairly defensive approach, relying on the speed of **Mark Jankovic** in breakaways and Morgan's aerial ability.

The key question was: Who would win the midfield? This would decide the outcome of the game.

Saints started at a disadvantage in this department because coach **Manfred Schaefer** had left out **Roberto Echeverria**.

John O'Shea, usually an exceptionally talented sweeper, was given the task of marking **Jim Rooney**.

George Harris marked **Willie Wallace** and one of the most dynamic players in Sydney soccer, **Billy Rogers**, was left to **Attila Abonyi**, a player who never marks an opponent.

Yet despite the close attention paid by Saints to APIA's star midfield trio, Wallace, Rogers and Rooney still controlled the match.

The constructive efforts of **O'Shea, Harris** and **Abonyi** rarely matched those of the APIA trio.

Jankovic was Saints' only true front runner, for even Morgan dropped back.

What Aitken and Utjesenovic did for St George in dead ball situations, Wallace did for APIA.

Using all his great experience and football know - how, Wallace took all the free kicks, corner and restarts as well as acting the general in midfield.

The second half was dominated by APIA and **John Russell** was great in the back four.

But the best of the players was Rogers, who was voted player of the match by the Press and received a cheque for $300.

In the 22nd minute a Utjesenovic "special" found the head of Morgan who flicked it over the bar.

Utjesenovic and **Harry Williams** were being used extensively in the first half, providing drive down the flanks and giving Saints the edge.

In the 34th minute Abonyi should have scored after a great cross by Jankovic.

However, Abonyi simply can't find the net lately. In fact he hasn't scored a league goal since July 4.

Just after half time a long ball from Utjesenovic found the APIA defence square, giving Jankovic a great scoring opportunity but he missed.

APIA hit back quickly and a one - two between Wallace and **Terry Butler** created a magnificent opportunity which unfortunately came to nothing.

Then a superb shot by Wallace found **Martin Coe** out of position but the ball skimmed over the bar.

Finally the ice broke for APIA.

Again Wallace figured in the move. He crossed the ball to the middle where John Doyle headed it home. It was 1-0 for APIA.

It could easily have been 2-0 a few moments later after a combination between **Ken Wilson** and Doyle.

The fact that young **Robert O'Shea** was included in the team as sweeper was puzzling to say the least. Being thrust in at the deep end in such an important game must have been a harrowing experience for the talented youngster and it showed in the way he played.

Wouldn't Saints have been better off with John O'Shea in his usual position and Echeverria in midfield?

Saints' loss in the grand final was the last in a series of disappointments.

It drew 1-1 and lost 1-2 to South Melbourne Hellas in the unofficial Australian championship tie, it lost 2-3 to APIA and managed to beat Marconi 2-1 only because of a last - minute penalty.

It was the first grand final in 12 years that was not refereed by **Tony Boskovic**.

The honor went instead to young schoolteacher **Richard Lorenc** who was first class.

What a tribute to him to have his seniors, **Peter Ramplay** and **Barry Wilkinson** assisting him on the line.

Former national captain John Warren

Tribute to Bottallico

It's hard to begrudge APIA its crowning moment of glory in winning the NSW championship with a deserved 1-0 win over St George Budapest last Sunday.

For the moment, at least, it's the last we will see of this famous club, and to its founder Jim Bayutti and its members it was a fitting finish to their stay in the "top league".

Whilst Bayutti, Rooney, Bennett and company deserve a lot of the praise, the man I would like to congratulate here is APIA's coach Fil Bottallico.

Bottalico was a tremendous personality and competitor as a player and he has enjoyed equally tremendous success as a coach.

But few would know about it.

Not for him the headline - grabbing stuff, nor the usual inane comments after the match, blaming players etc.

In defeat he is the same as in triumph and in last year's grand final, although losing to Saints, he was the first in the dressing room to congratulate me.

For the moment he is lost to "the big time" but as he put it after winning the 1976 title last week: "We have been around too long to let APIA die and we will rebuild with our youngsters for a crack at the National League in the future — providing the National League takes off."

For many APIA's win came as no surprise, as they had beaten Saints in their last three outings.

And few would like to have seen APIA finish their days in top company in any other way.

One can only imagine how much poorer the National League will be for their absence.

For Saints it was a disappointing finish to the season.

In fact, result - wise it was possibly their poorest since 1965-1968 and 1973 excepted.

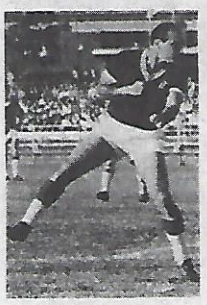
And all this despite buying five players — Coe, Echeverria, Gray, Aitken and Mendez — not forgetting Francis Lee's brief and expensive visit.

Although their defeat was a surprise to me — if you analyse their last 10 matches that isn't so.

In these 10 matches they have won only three — scoring 12 goals and conceding 13.

To analyse even further, these results coincide with the costly decision to let John Stoddart go to Hong Kong.

Stoddart has always been the most underestimated player in Sydney and Saints' performance since he left proves this point.



Fil Bottallico

SLAVIA WANTS JIM CARED FOR

Slavia president Peter Collins MLA spelled out the club's attitude to Jim Tansey's proposed transfer when it farewelled him before he left for Asia and Europe with the national team.

Mr Collins, tipped to be one of the VSF's leading administrators next year, said: **"As far as we are concerned, Jim Tansey can transfer to any club which gives him what he's looking for. We want to make sure he's well treated."**

Mr Collins, a State Parliamentarian, and other Slavia officials, farewelled Tansey and the other Victorian in the national squad, **Peter Ollerton**, at a lunch at the Rheinland Restaurant in Drewery Lane.

Slavia's long - serving **Jim Train** was also there.

Mr Collins announced that a testimonial match will be played next year to honor Train for his dedication and loyalty to the club.

In his speech, Mr Collins stressed that the State League must work harder than ever next year, to survive in the face of competition by the National League.

He said: "If it comes to pass that Jim Tansey and Peter Ollerton play for the same club next year, we would be more than happy, but there has been no approach yet from South Melbourne Hellas."

Mr Collins added: "I hope that Jim and Peter will put something back into soccer when their playing and representative days are over, by coaching kids, because that's where our future lies."

About Jim Train, he said: "Jim is without doubt the most loyal team member we have. Whatever we do next year will be built around people like Jim Train."

Mr Collins said that to strengthen soccer as a whole next year, the VSF should allow State League and Metropolitan League clubs to share grounds.

Mr Collins is honorary vice-president of Metro club Springvale.

He also said he hoped that Olympic Park would allow State League clubs to play there next season.

The president of the VSF, **Mr Theo Marmaras** was also a guest at the lunch.

He wished Tansey and Ollerton the best of luck, and added:

"Players sacrifice a lot of time when they are young and I believe they are entitled to get something back — especially when they are transferred to another club. This is essential to their future security."

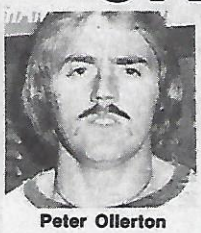
About Slavia's apprehension at perhaps not having a ground next year, Mr Marmaras said: "As long as you get the players, we will do our best to get you a ground."

Jim Tansey said: "I realise Slavia may have come under criticism in the past, perhaps because some of the young lads have not been as involved as they should have been.

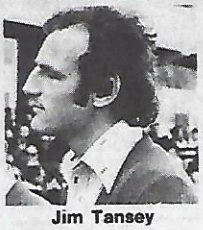
"All I can say is that I put in a lot of effort this year, as I'm sure **Peter Ollerton** and **Jim Train** have, and I believe that's why I've been successful.

"The young boys must realise that if you dedicate yourself, you will get results.

"I've never had trouble with the club. However, my hope is to play in the National League. Slavia is entitled to its money and I hope we can all be reasonable."



Peter Ollerton



Jim Tansey

Jim Train

Make or break tour

From page one

Oct 20: v Indonesia in Jakarta.

Oct 22: v Singapore in Singapore.

Oct 24: v Hong Kong in Hong Kong.

Oct 27: v People's Republic of China in Peking.

Oct 29: v People's Republic of China in Canton.

Nov 4: v Israel in Tel Aviv.

Nov 6: v Hamburg amateurs in Hamburg.

Nov 9: v PSV Eindhoven in Eindhoven.

Nov 10: match in East Germany.

Nov 15: v Sunderland in Sunderland.

Nov 16: v Birmingham in Birmingham.

LIFE SUSPENSION

An official of the Richmond juniors has been suspended for life on a charge of having falsified passport documents of boys who played in Richmond's under 12 team.

The suspension was imposed last week by the Victorian Soccer Federation Tribunal.

It was alleged that four boys in Richmond's under 12 team were 14 years old.

These four were suspended by the Tribunal until June 26, 1977.

There was no penalty against the Richmond club, but it was warned to be more diligent in matters of registration.

FIRST SET TO SIGN

Canberra is set to sign its first National League recruit.

He is goalkeeper **Ron Tilsed**, now playing in South Africa.

Tilsed, 24, 6ft 3 ins was at Arsenal before moving to South Africa 18 months ago.

He will arrive in Canberra in the second week of January.

The Canberra club is aiming to assemble a squad of 18 players.

It is looking at two players from Scotland, two in Sydney, three in Melbourne, three or four in Canberra and two in Argentina.

Billy Rae powers Albion to victory

By LES SHORROCK

ALBION ROVERS 4 (Tribuzio 2, Rae, Bentley), SPRINGVALE 1 (Gollan).

ALBION ROVERS: Olver, Rae, Harrison, Maikousis, Johnstone, Daperis, Bentley, D'Silva, Tribuzio, Lenders, Quinn, Whichelow, Doggett.

SPRINGVALE: Mur, Lange, Edgar, Madeley, Dolmetsch, Bob Adam, Beard, Gollan, Christian, Stewart Adam, Campbell, McKinlay, Carmichael.

Albion Rovers had one change from the side that beat Green Gully in the previous week's semi-final, Alan Lenders coming in for Kevin Whichelow, whilst Springvale were unchanged.

The recent heavy rain had freshened up Wembley Park and the Box Hill Council had played its part by installing new drainage that obviously had done its job well, as there was no water on the ground.

Box Hill president **Tom McLellan** and his helpers were, I believe, at work on the ground in the early hours of Saturday, and the whole presentation was a great credit to the club.

Albion kicked off down the slope, and were into attack straight away.

Mick D'Silva was first to take the eye with a good attempt and then a bad clearance let in **Billy Rae** who also went close.

Springvale steadied and **Hugh Campbell** showed that he was going to be troublesome when he beat **Jim Daperis** and came inside to shoot powerfully, only to see **Geoff Olver** handle the ball confidently.

Springvale continued to press forward, and looked dangerous as **Bob Adam** tried to dribble through the middle, but **Albert Harrison** stepped in and made a timely intervention.

Then a hand-ball decision against **George Maikousis** left Albion facing a nasty dead-ball situation just outside the box, but Springvale didn't capitalise and the ball was cleared.

Albion surged back and **Harrison** slipped the ball to **D'Silva** who sent **Lenders** off on a run, but the winger's half-cross, half-shot was well cornered by **Peter Mur** in the Springvale goal.

A minute later, at the 20 minute mark in fact, the wing play of Lenders paid off, as he sent D'Silva away, and his cross was neatly nodded away out of Mur's reach by Sergio Tribuzio. It was a good goal, and it was a body blow for Springvale.

Frank Beard looked dangerous in a run for the 'Vale, but **Gordon Bentley** cleverly jockeyed him into safety and the chance was gone.

It seemed apparent that Springvale's best attacking chances would come through **Hugh Campbell** as he had the legs of **Daperis**, and sure enough he put in another good shot that was diverted by **Maikousis** for a corner.

The corner was only partly cleared and the ball came again to **Campbell** who had **Olver** diving quickly to pull off a good save.

Albion stormed back into attack again, and **Billy Rae** was just off target again.

Two minutes later, **Lenders'** speed had Springvale in all sorts of bother, and he tripped casually round two defenders, forcing **Mur** to rush out and narrow the angle and block his shot.

Then **Gordon Bentley** popped up and hammered one that **Peter Mur** had to grab twice, and suddenly it was all Albion.

The Albion choir sensed a big victory coming up and they were urging on their side as only they can.

Just as it seemed that Springvale might hold out and end the half only one goal down, Albion struck again, this time through the Dundee Dynamo Billy Rae.

The Albion captain beat two men and fired in a rocket that had goal written all over it, and Springvale were sunk without truce.

They did fight back though, and **Olver** made a great save, tipping away a **Campbell** header following a corner.

Albion came out for the second half with one hand on the Cup, and after only four minutes went further ahead, when D'Silva completely bamboozled Lange and crossed a ball that Tribuzio struck away without hesitation.

Albion were weaving patterns all round the 'Vale box now and **Lenders** laid on a beautiful ball for **Gordon Bentley**, but he miskicked and the chance went begging.

Stewart Adam had been rather quiet, in fact the Springvale mid-field had hardly got to grips with their task, but he came into the picture with a run that was stopped in the box, and then he tested **Olver** with a shot that the young keeper saved well.

Alan Quinn had copped a heavy blow in the face in the first half, and had looked groggy, so with the game safely in Albion's keeping, coach **Billy McArthur** took him off and brought on **Kevin Whichelow**.

After **Jackie Gollan**, who had never stopped trying all day, had fired just wide, Springvale coach **Tim White** brought on **Alan McKinlay** for **Frank Beard**.

Albion got a bit casual and let in **Jackie Gollan** twice. The first time he just failed to reach a good pass, and on the second occasion his good cross-cum-shot, aided by the breeze, nearly swerved away from **Olver**.

Serio Tribuzio was too powerful for the 'Vale defenders, and he forced a good chance for **Lenders**, but the winger was hesitant and the ball was whipped off his toes.

Robert Adam had not shown up at all in the midfield, and it didn't surprise when he came off for **Alan Carmichael**.

A great cross ball from **Billy Rae**, who was everywhere, fell nicely for **Bentley**, who this time hammered it well over the bar (sorry Gordon!).

The same player, after **Lenders** had put **Mur** under a lot of pressure, fired another one over the bar, and the Albion forwards were squandering chances like drunken sailors.

The Albion choir was stunned into momentary silence when, in a goalmouth scramble, the ball was forced out of **Olver's** hands, but somehow **Stewart Adam** managed to sky the ball over the bar from point blank range.

Next it was Albion's turn to err grievously, as **Lenders** sped off down the wing and squared the ball to **Rae**. He knocked the ball right into the path of **Whichelow** a scant few yards out, but his hurried shot nearly went into orbit.

Billy Doggett, who has been out of the Albion side for 12 months through injury, came on for **Mick D'Silva** and then, as the game entered its final five minutes, Springvale got a consolation goal.

Norm Edgar, who had been a tireless worker for Springvale all day, started it when he went forward and gave the ball to Stewart Adam who put over a good cross for Jackie Gollan to head home.

Seconds later, Springvale nearly made it 3-2 as **Hugh Campbell** fired wide, but instead they went further into arrears when **Bentley** found himself unmarked six yards out and had time to get the ball to his right foot before calmly sticking it away.

Seconds later the final whistle went and the Albion faithful came pouring on to the ground to chair off their heroes.

The game was too one-sided to be described as a great final, but it was entertaining enough for a gratifyingly large crowd who braved the elements.

I thought the main difference between the two teams was that they were from different divisions and looked it.

Springvale had only two attackers who looked capable of scoring, **Gollan** and **Campbell**.

Dave Christian at centre-forward never had a look-in because the midfield was virtually non-existent.

What drive Springvale had was mainly generated by left-back **Norm Edgar**, who had a sterling game.

I thought Springvale's best were **Jackie Gollan, Norm Edgar**, and **Hugh Campbell**.

Albion had good players in all positions, because they weren't under pressure very much, but Billy Rae stood out head and shoulders above all the rest.

The defence looked sound and the more I see of 15-year-old **Geoff Olver**, the more I like him. This boy is going to develop into a very fine keeper.

It was a triumphant end to what has been a rather disappointing season for Albion.

Their second half of season form has been much superior to their first half's and in their last six matches they were beaten only once by the champions, Green Gully.

As official **Dave Berry** said to me after the game, as he praised coach **Billy McArthur**: "We found the right blend too late to be a promotion threat, but we'll be right there next year. We'll be making some top-class signings very soon and we'll be making the State League our objective."

Before the final, I had the pleasure of presenting "Soccer Action's" top goalscorer awards to the winners in each of the four divisions.

The handsome silver trophies went to five players, actually, as **Mick Banagan** of Green Gully and **Ray Taylor** of Box Hill tied on 18 each.

Angelo Feretis of Princes Park (second division), **S. Liakopoulos** (third division), and **G. Tribuzio** of Essendon City (fourth division) were the other winners.

Gerry Tribuzio is the brother of Sergio who scored twice for Albion, so it was a big day for the Tribuzio family.

Pictures of the presentations will appear next week.

The Metro League's Best and Fairest awards were also presented before the game and these went to **Roy Collins** of Green Gully, **Alan (the Wizard) Jackson** of Knox City, **John Clemie** of Park Rangers, and **Brian Anderson** of Rosebud.

Since **Lew Stafrace**, president of Green Gully, was also there to take home the Rothman's Division One championship cheque, it was a big day for Green Gully too.

In our next two issues, which will be the last for this year, I'll be reviewing the Metro year, and also picking my team of the year, with reasons for the selections.

Billy Rae holds up the Federation Cup after Albion Rovers' 4-1 victory over Springvale in the final. At right is VSF vice-president Tommy Burns and at left Albion president Mick McCulloch, chairman of the Metropolitan League. Picture by BERNIE WASLIN.

SOCCER GETS A RAW DEAL

Vic Manson

The Victorian Junior Leagues chairman, Mr Vic Manson, has called for "direct political action" to remove what he calls prejudice and discrimination against soccer by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

In his annual report, Mr Manson lists the grants allocated by the Department to soccer and Australian Rules Football.

In 1974-75 soccer got $2600 while Australian Rules got $75,900. In 1975-76 soccer got $25,353 while $141,-881 kent to Australian Rules.

Mr Manson said: "These figures no doubt will astonish, and probably disgust, many people with what seems to be favoritism to one particular code of football.

"It seems incredible that in this 'Jet' age of travel, finance in lavish amounts is being given to a code of football that is completely unknown outside Australia.

"Boys who learn Australian Rules will never be able to represent their country internationally and compete against the world's best.

"I would be failing in my responsibilities if I did not highlight this matter.

"The present policy of financial handouts by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation is heavily loaded in favor of Australian Rules Football.

"It is most unfair, prejudiced, and discriminatory, and I recommend that this matter be given a wide circulation in all clubs, the facts made more publicly known, by speech, letters to the press, and local government.

"In such a case as this, I believe only direct political action will put right what is a gross injustice against Australian boys who could have the ability to represent their country against the world's best, but are hampered by a shortage of finance, caused by a system which holds views, irrespective of reason, against the growth of soccer football.

"It is ironical that this system receives large amounts of finance from Soccer Pools to assist Australian Rules juniors, to the detriment of the code that creates the income for them.

"How insular, what bigotry! All we desire is a fair go for all, and we will leave no stone unturned to get it.

"It is most unfair, and direct political action could be the answer."

He's off with a trophy

"Atom Ant" Tommy Cumming has won Sunshine City's best player award.

The trophy was a memorable going-away present for the 5ft 4in forward, who returned to Scotland three days after the presentation night.

Sunshine gave Cumming and his wife Margaret a rousing send-off. With tears in his eyes, he was hoisted high on supporters' shoulders as they sang "You Are My Sunshine".

Cumming came to the club during the Ampol Cup series in January.

His remarkable fighting spirit — you could knock him down 100 times and he'd still keep going — prompted the nick-name Atom Ant.

Cumming was second-highest league scorer with 14 goals. In addition he scored two Dockerty Cup goals and one in the Ampol Cup.

The little winger and centre back Steve Kokoska have been Sunshine's outstanding players this season and both have been among the finest in the league.

Kokoska, winner of the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award, added Sunshine's most consistent player trophy to his collection at the presentation night.

Best player award for the reserves went to Kieron Coyle and reserves most consistent was Steve Ellis.

Other awards went to Frank Mussel (club award, seniors), Peter Scarlett (club award, reserves), John Scholten (outstanding services) and Sam Boslem (president's trophy).

Tommy Cumming

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TO THE EDITOR

Communication is lacking

Sir — I wish to protest about a statement made in a Sunday publication by the Secretary of the VSF, Mr George Wallace, re overseas tours. Firstly I have never acted, nor have I ever made any statements, on behalf of the VSF in the Press re Polish teams willing to tour Australia.

After Legia's (Warsaw) successful tour, I have been approached in several letters by the secretary of the ASF Mr Brian le Fevre to arrange a tour for the Socceroos through Organisations Sportive in Paris for which firm I am acting as an Australian representative.

As an Australian correspondent of Polish sport publications "*Przeglad Sportowy*" and "*Pilka Nozna*" and also as an ex-Olympic Attache for the 1956 Games in Melbourne, I am well known to soccer authorities in Poland and am often asked to approach the ASF.

Just recently I received a letter from KS Ruch (Chorzow) with an offer to tour Australia. The letter was sent to the ASF in Sydney (translated from Polish). It must be lack of communication between the ASF and VSF that wrong statements are made by a Victorian official.

As a journalist I have the right to inform soccer fans of any news I feel worthy of their attention.

—Stephen Kalus,
Hon Secretary,
Soccer Press Association

Kerry is tipped

The Polonia annual general meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24 at 3 pm at the Polish House in LaTrobe Street, City.

The acting secretary, Tom Ostrowski, said that he believes the former president and one of the club's present vice-presidents, **Mr George Kerry, JP**, a real estate agent from Yarraville and for several years one of the most dedicated and active committee members and at the same time member of the VSF Board of Management, will be elected Polonia's new president.

What are you afraid of?

Sir — This year of 1976 should be remembered as a year of many changes in the District League, following all the adverse publicity they have received which was not to the benefit of soccer in general.

The DLMC of which I am a member, under the chairmanship of **Les Shorrock**, has put forward a new setup of the District League. These proposed changes could be the greatest improvement to soccer in this decade.

It is regrettable that some members of the Board have sought the "defence of the constitution" to block these proposals and continue in the same old traditions that have existed since the League started.

What are these members of the Board afraid of? Are they afraid of being taken down from their pedestals? The changes will give every club in Victoria an equal opportunity of promotion.

It would appear that they are putting the interests of their own clubs in preference to soccer in general.

"Gentlemen" of the Board, and I use the term loosely, the time has come for a change. There are more teams in Victoria than those who play at Olympic and Middle Parks.

I have been awarded large spoons on many occasions, but if this is what it takes to get some action I am prepared to go on being called the operator of one of those spoons.

—Bob McKenna,
Deputy Chairman
DLMC

Graham French: 'I don't go chasing goals'

By PETER SWEENEY

Graham French, the State League's top goalscorer for 1976, plays the game as it comes.

French, 21, of Mooroolbark, says he doesn't go chasing goals.

However, he admits is is his job to score goals and he shoots at the net whenever the occasion arises.

French — in his first full season with Mooroolbark — has developed an uncanny knack of scoring from all angles.

French admits he is not a good ball player but rather a strong player, who gives 100 per cent effort.

He believes he'd be of the same value to Mooroolbark if he were not scoring.

The six-foot, 13 stone, dark haired striker hails from Glasgow.

He played with St Mirren Boys Club before spending seasons in the reserves of top English clubs Leicester and Birmingham.

French had offers to join clubs in America, New Zealand, Hong Kong and South Africa but he decided to come to Australia and play with Mooroolbark.

A storeman with Adidas Ringwood, he has no regrets about making the choice.

Twenty-one goals in a season is a figure French says is not uncommon for him.

However, this year's work was more rewarding — it won him a National color television for being the top scorer in Melbourne and Sydney, A Mr Garment leather coat, and a $1000 cheque from Courage Breweries.

French says goals come naturally when you're having a good run.

This easy-going goal machine does get nervous before a game but doesn't think about goals when he's on the park.

The pressure of having to score is far from his mind.

After the game, it's a different story.

He can be worried and frustrated.

Scoring is the ultimate success — something which makes a striker's day, so French is totally satisfied with his game if he has goaled.

However, he is displeased when he walks off the park scoreless and it's this killer attitude that makes him such a dangerous player to opposition defences.

You must get into a scoring position is his theory, or else there's no chance of doing your job efficiently.

French compliments the aerial ability of Footscray's JUST's **Jim Kondarios** and the all-round honesty of George Cross' **Norm Maitland**, rating them as the hardest opponents he has met.

Goal machine Graham French.

French and two of his work mates at Adidas — Keith Adams of Ringwood Wilhelmina (centre) and Peter Vaughan who, like French, plays with Mooroolbark.

Graham French has one big aim — to use his soccer ability to the fullest, and make a comfortable living out of the game.

French was disappointed at the standard of soccer played in Melbourne when he arrived but says it has improved and will go on improving.

He sees the National League as the tonic needed for a soccer boom.

He cannot see any reason why players shouldn't be professional within five or seven years if the National League is run properly.

Graham French has his hang-ups about soccer and life — and he says what he thinks.

This, he adds, often gets him into trouble but he doesn't think he'll be able to change his character.

Graham said: "I'm hot-headed but people who know me accept me for what I am."

French believes there is too much back biting in the Victorian State League's administrative set-up, and says the League would go further if people worked together.

Political issues, he feels, should never be allowed to infiltrate into soccer.

Three people — two male and one female — have had the biggest influence on the career of Graham French.

Leicester youth coach **George Dewiss** and Birmingham's **Mike Kelly — although he and French didn't see eye to eye — have taught him all he knows about the sport.**

The third, and most important tutor, is his wife Marion.

She is the driving force behind French — the person who keeps going when he's depressed.

French would grab at the chance to return home and play professionally.

He hopes he is not a one-year hit but admits that we'll have to wait until next year to find out.

Apart from soccer, French relaxes by playing golf regularly and he's also a music lover who enjoys a game of billiards and a glass of beer.

Even at work, soccer is often the topic of conversation.

Team mates **Peter Vaughan** and **Mal Hayward, Peter Blasby** of Alexander, **Keith Adams** of Wilhelmina and **Tony Harris** of Waverley are working companions.

Here's Frenchie with another Adidas workmate, Peter Blasby of Alexander.

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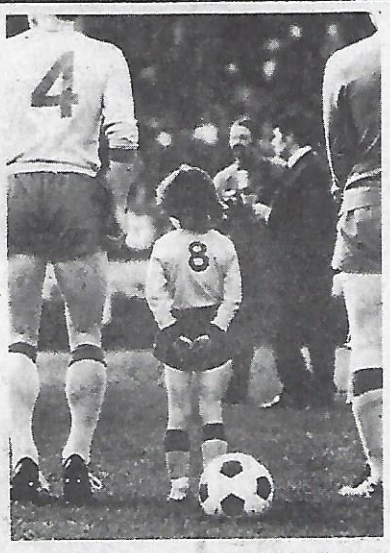
Top soccer film opens at Palais

The soccer film "Stubby" opens at the Palais Theatre, St Kilda, tomorrow (Thursday) and will run until Saturday, November 6.



International soccer star Stubby is dwarfed by his Swedish team mates in a scene from the film named after him.

Proceeds from the opening night will go to the Peter Crimmins Cancer Research Fund.

Our young readers who took advantage of our free tickets offer will see the film free of charge.

Others are urged not to miss it.

Here's how the story goes:

On his way to visit his fiancee, **Mack**, a member of the Swedish national soccer team, passes a little soccer field, where he is out-played by a six-year-old.

Mack is shocked by this; he loses his self-confidence, becomes unfit to play for his team and eventually blurts out to his team manager what happened.

The manager gets a brilliant idea. He seeks out the six-year-old who broke Mack. It is **Johan Bergman**, nicknamed **Stubby**, and persuades him to join the team in Mack's place.

He becomes anchor man on the Swedish national team and produces victories against Hungary, Austria, France and finally against the USSR as well — at Dynamo Stadium in Moscow.

Stubby clinches the games to the jubilation of the spectators.

During the evenings in the team's hotel rooms, the big boys on the team have to take turns reading aloud to Stubby from the eternal story of the three bears to get him to fall asleep.

But only the readers fall asleep: Stubby remains awake playing solitaire.

But at home Stubby falls asleep during his classes at school.

He can't keep up, fails to learn to read and has to ask grown-ups to read him the headlines about his own soccer exploits.

He can't even sign his name when eager autograph hunters surround him. He yearns to be an ordinary boy.

This is the ninth film by **Bo Widerberg**, 45. With his second, **RAVEN'S END** (1963), he became internationally known, and since **ELVIRA MADIGAN** (1967), **THE ADALEN RIOTS** (1969) and **JOE HILL** (1971) — all three awarded prizes in Cannes — he has become one of Sweden's most exciting film directors.

With "Stubby" he wanted to get people to laugh, for **Stubby** is a comedy around Stubby's serious, closed, almost mysterious little face.

"Throughout the film, Stubby's career is taken seriously.

Everyone in the film finds the sequence of events quite natural. It's the moviegoers who have the fun.

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Hertha 03, back row from left: Marquardt, Bohle, Zain, Hochberger, Pohle, Winkler, Schwabe, Kessler, Schulz, Brauer, Koppe, Behrend (team manager), Mehlhose (coach). Front row: Steinke, Mueller, Pueschel, Groeger, Sendrowski, Schollbach, Bieder, Hartfiel, Gantner.

Boxing champ to kick off matches

World boxing champion Eckhard Dagge will accompany Berlin team Hertha 03 on its fifth tour of Australia in January.

Dagge, who defended his world title last month against Emile Griffiths of the US, will kick off Hertha's games on tour.

Hertha will also bring along a German pop group called the Hajo Trio, which will play and sing at games.

In Melbourne, Hertha will meet a JUST-Hellas combined team at Olympic Park on Wednesday night, January 6.

Afterwards, it will play in Geelong and against Keilor City in St Albans.

Hertha first visited Australia in 1970, when it drew 1-1 with **Rale Rasic's** Victorian State team at Olympic Park.

The club will be on its seventh world tour in January.

Its team is probably the best it has fielded — arguably even better than the 1970 side which featured present-day German international **Uwe Kliemann,** former international **Helmut Faeder** and **Wolfgang Suenholz** who was later to play for Bayern Munich.

The present team features nine new players, bought to power the club to the Berlin championship and win it promotion to the West German Bundesliga (national league).

The team includes **Dieter Schollbach,** 25 times a youth international, bought from West German champion team Borussia Moenchengladbach.

The only players left from the team that toured last year are forward **Klaus Koppe** and defender **Reinhard Groeger** who, together with former Hertha star **Rainhard Hollmann,** came to Melbourne in 1972 to help save Keilor-Austria from relegation to the Metropolitan League.

Hertha's opponents on its world tour are: the Burma national team, Hong Kong, the United States, Western Australia, Hellas-JUST, Geelong, Keilor City, Wollongong City, Parkes, New Zealand, and Tahiti.

The club's most noteworthy results on previous record tours have been 2-1 v Toronto, present US champion (1966), 5-1 v Philippines, 3-0 v Singapore, 3-1 v Auckland (all 1969/70); 1-0 v New Zealand (1971); 2-2 v Benfica, 1-1 v Indonesia (both 1972); 2-1 v South Vietnam, 4-1 v Los Angeles (both 1975).

In 1974, Hertha put on a gala reception in Berlin for the Australian squad competing in the World Cup finals.

Hertha will tour with 20 players, plus six officials including club president **Otto Hoehne** and coach **Klaus Mehlhose** who was assistant coach of Bundesliga club Tennis Borussia.

The usual senior squad is:

DIETER SCHOLLBACK, midfielder, ex-Moenchengladbach, 25 times West German youth international.

KLAUS KOPPE, forward, played 10 games for German national police team.

LUTZ SENDROWSKI, forward, played five times for the West German team which won the world students' championship.

BERND HARTFIEL, goalkeeper, two games for the West German youth team.

PETER HOCHBERGER, libero, 20 games for the North German League representative team.

GUENTER BOHLE, striker, last year top scorer in the North German League.

REINHARD GROEGER, defender, former Bundesliga player.

LUTZ STEINKE, midfield or forward, was in the Hertha team which won the West German national under 18 championship.

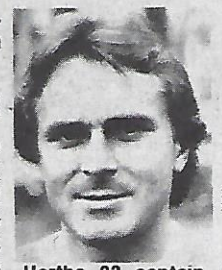
GUENTER WINKLER, 10 times Berlin representative.

DIETER PUESCHEL, 8 times Berlin representative, will transfer next year to Bundesliga club Eintracht Brunswick.

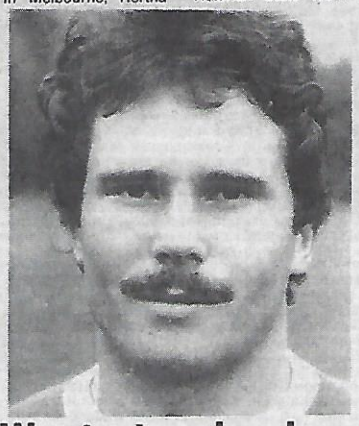
IMMI BIEDER, four times Berlin representative, 20 times Berlin youth representative, being sought by many Bundesliga clubs.

DIETMAR PHOLE, three times Berlin representative, regarded as the top young talent in Berlin.

HARRY SCHULTZ, five times Berlin representative.



Hertha 03 captain Dieter Schollbach, ex-Borussia Moenchengladbach.



Wants to play here

Hertha 03 player Lutz Steinke (pictured) is eager to play in Australia next season.

A forward of midfielder, Steinke, 22, was in the Hertha team that won the West German under 18 championship four years ago.

He has also played 17 games for the Berlin representative youth XI.

Steinke is a painter by trade and his wife a qualified hairdresser.

He would be available to come to Australia in middle-January, after Hertha's world tour.

Anyone interested in signing him should ring Soccer Action on 60 0421 Ext 2052.

Press deserves pat on back

Everyone in soccer should take their hats off to the Victorian Soccer Press Association for its great contribution to the sport in running its annual awards.

The SPA's Player of the Year and Best Under 21 Player awards provide added incentive to players, but where the SPA has really excelled is in introducing trophies for the best coach and best referee.

As far as I know, these are the only awards in Australia for coaches and referees.

The public tends to gloss over the contribution made by coaches, its attitude to referees is mostly hostile.

Yet by encouraging referees with an award the SPA is showing the public that referees are as much part of the game as the players.

An award for referees will help raise the standard of refereeing the same way players' awards help raise the playing standard.

RALE RASIC

The SPA Coach of the Year was none other than my former team mate at J.U.S.T., Cedo Cirkovic.

He was a formidable centre half, a strong cultured player, who struck fear in the hearts of all forwards.

Cirkovic has given tremendous service to JUST for more than 10 years and I can think of no-one who deserves the SPA trophy more than he does.

If Cirkovic deserves a pat on the back, then J.U.S.T. does as well.

J.U.S.T. has shown the way in sticking with its own.

It gave me my first chance to coach, back in 1969 when we won the championship.

Cirkovic was also promoted from among the players' ranks and he has steered the club to a championship, two State League Cups, a Dockerty Cup and an Ampol Cup (my apologies if I've omitted any honors).

May J.U.S.T. always stay loyal to its long-serving stalwarts, and may it always strive to promote young players, the way it is doing now with **Mendo Ristovski, Joe Palinkas, Zoran Ilioski, Joe Picioane** and **Jim Kondarios.**

The Sydney soccer writers have started their own association, similar to the SPA, and I can only say that if it is half as far-sighted as the SPA in Victoria, it must win the highest respect from the soccer fraternity in NSW.

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2–1 against Finland

LONDON. — England beat Finland 2-1 in their qualifying Group Two World Cup match at Wembley Stadium.

England led 1-0 at half time.

Scorers: England — Dennis Tueart, Joe Royle: Finland — Jyrki Nieminen.

England had won the first game in Finland 4-1.

Coach Don Revie adopted an attacking 4-2-4 formation for the game in London.

Being without Manchester United centre forward STUART PEARSON, he called up twin Manchester City strikers DENNIS TUEART and JOE ROYLE to complement Liverpool's KEVIN KEEGAN and MICK CHANNON of Southampton.

One stumbling block removed from England's path was Finland's giant defender ARTURO TOLSA who was injured.

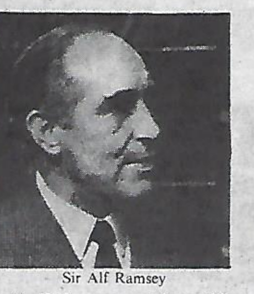
Teams: ENGLAND: Clemence (Liverpool), Todd (Derby), Greenhoff (Manchester United), Thompson (Liverpool), Beattie (Ipswich), Brooking (West Ham), Wilkins (Chelsea), Keegan (Liverpool), Royle (Manchester City), Channon (Southampton), Tueart (Manchester City).

FINLAND: Enckelman, Heikkinen, Maekynen, Vihtilae, Ranta, Jantunen, Soumalainen, Toivola, Nieminen, Heiskanen, Paatelainen. AAP-Reuter.

English football h

little progress in

Much has been said and written about failure at international level in the past 10 yea England's foremost soccer writers, ERI warned in 1966 that English soccer was head wrong direction. In this article, published in th edition of the British monthly magazine "W cer," Batty analyses the ills of the game in t



Sir Alf Ramsey

A little more than 10 years ago England were presented with the Jules Rimet trophy they had coveted for so long. In my opinion they almost stole the cup although even today, playing at Wembley, they are not easy to beat and in the 1966 series they played all their games at Wembley.

Looking back over the last ten years I find that little has changed in English football and that, even though under new management, the England team is still as devoid of real football as it was in 1966.

In the September 1966 **World Soccer** a four page article was published, written by me and highly cricial of England, the referees and the general standard of play.

In that article I wrote . . . "Apart from Hungary and Portugal no other teams in the last 16 had the necessary ability to play real football . . ."

I went on to criticise England's 4-4-2 defensive tactics, **Alf Ramsey** (who I correctly anticipated would receive a knighthood) and the state of world football in general.

Fortunately, judging by the enterprising attacking play demonstrated by all four semi finalists in the recent European championship final in Yugoslavia, the rest of the world learned the lessons of 1966 but I can see no sign that England has learned anything.

The die-hard fans still insist that England were worthy winners in 1966, but . . .

While I was away on holiday many people saw a repeat of the 1966 final on TV and comments of some of the people I know bear out the criticisms that I made at the time.

One friend who saw it simply described it as "rubbish".

Another said . . . terrible . . .", while a more eloquent coach I know told me: "take away all the emotion surrounding the game at the time and strip it of the nationalistic ribbons and it was very ordinary."

Ten years later, most of my acquaintances have come round to the view that I was probably right in that article of September, 1966 . . .

"Looking for football in the 1966 World Cup was very like seeking water in the Sahara. It almost didn't exist.

"And so to England, the new holders of the Jules Rimet trophy, and note well that I do not describe tham as the best team in the world, nor as the world champions.

"In my opinion the team created by Alf Ramsey is so far from being an ideal team and nothing will ever shake my view that the England team we have seen taking shape between 1963 and 1966 is the poorest ever to wear the England colors."

Of course I wouldn't expect the Fleet Street experts or TV commentators to agree with me even now.

They were over the moon in 1966 and to withdraw anything they said and wrote then would be to admit openly that they did not know the game.

But nothing that England have achieved since 1966 suggests that I was even slightly wrong about English football and the national team.

In the 1972 European Championship, England were hammered out of sight by a superb West Germany that included real players like Guenter Netzer, Gerd Mueller and Franz Beckenbauer.

Then in the 1976 European championship England failed to get beyond the qualifying stage, eliminated by Czechoslavakia who England beat 3-0 at Wembley.

Signifcantly, England managed only a 1-0 away win in Cyprus — where Denmark recently won 5-1 in a 1978 World Cup qualifying game.

In the World Cup, England's performance overall is really frighteningly poor.

In 1966 they did not need to qualify as they were the host nation.

In 1970 England qualified automatically as the holders of the trophy and in 1974 they failed to qualify, eliminated by Poland.

Remeber too that in 1950 and 1954 England qualified in a group that FIFA agreed could be the British home international championship and it will be seen that only 1958 and 1962 have England ever qualified against continental oppostions.

And what opposition it was too — Denmark and Eire for 1958, Luxembourg and Portugal in 1962 (and Luxembourg did England a big favor by beating Portugal 4-2).

Going back once more to my article of September, 1966 there is one particular piece that still stands up today . . .

"If one wants to classify teams and give awards for various attributes one can say:

"The most determined team was England; the toughest team was Russia, and the most defensive (and most modern) were Argentina, but the most disturbing feature of the whole series was the terribly low standard of referring. If these really were the world's best teams, and the world's best referees then football must surely be in a very bad way.

"Asked by one continental magazine to give my assessment of the best five teams in the World Cup and to award them points out of a maximum of ten I gave my views. I repeat them here for they serve as a very good guide to my view of the series as a whole:

1. Hungary . . . five points from ten. 2. Portugal . . . four points from ten.
3. North Korea . . . one point from ten.
4. Argentina . . . minus 1 point.
5. England . . . minus 2 points.

"Those who have read my articles in the past and either understood the points I tried to make, or sympathised with them, will understand the despondency I felt on the evening of July 30 (1966). But for those who have not been regular readers of **World Soccer** I will explain.

"For some years now the world game has been standing at a crossroads. Those who really wield the power in the game have been trying to decide between virtue and profit. Trying to decide between skill, intelligence and entertainment on the other. They asked themselves is it better to play well and lose or play badly and win?

"In reality, skill, entertainment and victory have never been incompatible but these objectives can only be attained by good players and good coaching.

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AEK buys stars to win the title

The new championship has started in Greece with the 16 First Division clubs now dominated more than ever by the Athens — Piraeus — Salonika group. Ten clubs come from these centres with Athens and Piraeus possessing seven of them in a population of 2 million.

Runners-up AEK Athens have been busy in the transfer market signing some leading internationals including goalkeeper **Nikos Christidis** from Aris Salonika, the Panionios striker **Thomas Mavros** plus midfield players **Intzoglou** from Panionios and **Nikoloudis** from Iraklis.

The improvement shown by the northern clubs of Salonika and notably PAOK the champions and Iraklis the Cup winners last season, is certain to be challenged by AEK Athens, who have spent heavily to improve their strength.

Panathinaikos who were fourth, have had a numbr of additions as well as losing some familiar faces. Gone are goalkeeper **Ikonomopoulos** to Panachaiki Patras, full-backs **Kempas** and **Vlachos** to Iraklion and winger **Harry Grammos** who has joined Olympiakos the third placed club.

Arrivals are **Aslanidis** from PAOK, **Alvarez** from Iannina and **Vallian** from Apollon Athens along with **Eleftheriadis** of Ethnikos.

An intensive programme of international fixtures has also been prepared to aid the World Cup qualifying assault by national coach **Lakis Petroupoulos.**

— Jack Rollin in "World Soccer"

Rangers are top spenders

Every table tells a story . . . Here's what it cost the ten Scottish Premier League managers to assemble their present sides.

Rangers	£320,000
Aberdeen	285,000
Celtic	280,000
Hibs	185,000
Motherwell	180,000
Dundee United	145,000
Hearts	122,000
Ayr United	65,000
Kilmarnock	22,000
Partick Thistle	8,000

So, you see, Rangers picked up a fourth title last season — **CHAMPION BIG SPENDERS.**

Money well spent, too, when you consider stars such as **Forsyth** (£40,000), **MacDonald** (£50,000), **McKean** (£50,000); and **McLean** (£60,000), all played their part in the Ibrox grand slam.

Aberdeen boss **Ally MacLeod** isn't slow at signing cheques either. In recent months he's taken four top names to Pittodrie — **Sullivan** (£35,000), **Harper** (£50,000), **Fleming** (£35,000), and **Kennedy** (£30,000).

Celtic would have been the lolly league leaders if **Steve Murray** hadn't hung up his boots. Also, Icelandic star **Johannes Edvaldsson** was signed for an undisclosed fee.

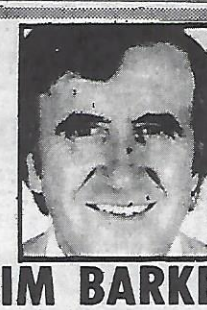
But big buys like **Glavin** (**£80,000**), **and Doyle** (£90,000), prove there's plenty of money available.

At the other end of the table you've got to hand it to the two newly-promoted sides.

Kilmarnock boss **Willie Fernie** has dipped into the Rugby Park coffers only twice — **Ronnie Sharp** (£12,000) and **Billy Murdoch** (£10,000).

And Thistle boss **Bertie Auld** could be excused for singing "I did it my way". A mere £8000 took the Jags to the First Division championship when they signed **John Craig** from Aberdeen.

(From the **Scottish Sunday Post**)



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Czechs beat Scotland

PRAGUE. Czechoslovakia beat Scotland 2-0 in their qualifying Group Seven World Cup match.

In Ankara, the Republic of Ireland drew 3-3 with Turkey in a friendly international.

Ireland led 2-0 at half-time.

In Vienna, Hungary beat Austria 4-2 in a friendly international.

Half-time score: Austria 1, Hungary 2.

SLOVAN LOSES JOE VENGLOS

Joe Venglos, who had a stint in Sydney in the sixties, has quit as boss of Czech club Slovan Bratislava after failing to persuade his top brass to reorganise the club the way he wanted.

Reigning Polish Champion Stal Mielec has released centre forward Jan Domarski to play professionally in France and to replace him tried to obtain the services of Gornik Zabrze striker Andrzej Szarmach.

Although the transfer is expected to go through, Polish press reports that Stal offered Szarmach a comparatively large sum of money under the counter . . . "commercialising Polish sport" . . . as the press put it.

Szarmach missed the start of the season with Gornik which preferred to leave him out of the side and under the regulations, unless he gets his official release card from Gornik, he could be suspended for one year before being allowed to play for Stal.

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Attendances in the North American Soccer League last season attracted an average of 10,253 per match representing an increase per game of 2,600 on the previous season, Seattle were the best supported side with an average of 23,726 followed by Minnesota with 23,121 and Portland with 20,333. San Jose had 19,286 but Pele's New York Cosmos attracted only 18,266.

First player in Europe to reach double figures in League matches this season was Dudu Georgescu the Rumanian international centre-forward of Dinamo Bucharest who scored 10 goals in his first five League games this season.

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East Germany's Footballer of the Year is 29-year-old **Jurgen Croy**, goalkeeper of Sachsenring Zwickau and the national team, who has 73 caps including an Olympic Gold Medal in the Montreal Games.

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Chile's World Cup plans are likely to include several exiles like **Alberto Quintano, Carlos Reinoso** and **Miguel-Angel Gamboa** playing in Mexico, **Elias Figueroa** in Brazil; **Carlos Caszely** in Spain and **Ignacio Prieto** in France.

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The latest Italian transfers: J
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Inter; **Roberto Bacchin,** Torino
Guglielmo Bacci, Roma to Pote
Batistoni, Roma to Cesena; **Re**
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we argued that the England team at Wembley had been too old and took a much younger, fitter side to Budapest for the return game in May, a team that would get stuck in and stop the Hungarians from playing.

The result was even bigger disaster. England lost 7-1 that day at the Nep Stadium in Budapest and more than that, they lost their way.

Since then English football has been dominated by those who claim that English players could never play the way those Hungarians did, we could never match the top foreigners for real football.

From then on we based our game on British qualities; speed and endurance, the will to win, our ability in the air, getting stuck in.

But even here we didn't reckon on the foreigners realising that they trailed behind us in dealing with the high cross, and could match our will to win.

In the last 20 years foreign goalkeepers generally and defences as a whole have put in a lot of time and effort in training, to dealing with the high cross — and when the best foreign teams soak up the high cross and laugh in the faces of English players, who don't know what to try next, they are lost.

It is clear to me that here in England we must work harder in training to improve our skill — all skills.

All training must be with the ball, as it is now with one or two English clubs with good coaches.

We must reject the traditional British qualities and seek the skills of the best continentals.

We produced players like **Stan Matthews, Tony Finney, Wilf Mannion, Jimmy Mason, Tommy Walker, Peter Doherty** and **Raich Carter** long before we had heard of **Puskas** and **Bozsik.**

I hate to think of it, but perhaps the malaise of British football is only part of the problem; that perhaps the whole of British life is sick, and that we need an even greater depression than the one we are in already.

Do we really need things to get as bad as they were in the 1930s before we start to solve some of our problems? As far as football is concerned I fear that we do.

The new U.S. champions, Metros-Croatia, pictured during their Australian tour.

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS (Final)

	P	W	L	F	A	Bonus Pts	Total Points
NORTHERN DIVISION							
Chicago	24	15	9	52	32	42	132
Toronto	24	15	9	38	30	33	123
Rochester	24	13	11	36	32	36	114
Hartford	24	12	12	37	56	35	107
Boston	24	7	17	35	64	32	74
EASTERN DIVISION							
Tampa Bay	24	18	6	58	30	46	154
New York	24	16	8	65	34	52	148
Washington	24	14	10	46	38	42	126
Philadelphia	24	8	16	32	49	32	80
Miami	24	6	18	29	58	27	63
WESTERN DIVISION							
Minnesota	24	15	9	54	33	48	138
Seattle	24	14	10	40	31	39	123
Vancouver	24	14	10	38	30	36	120
Portland	24	8	16	23	40	23	71
St. Louis	24	5	19	28	57	28	58
SOUTHERN DIVISION							
San Jose	24	14	10	47	30	39	123
Dallas	24	13	11	44	45	39	117
Los Angeles	24	12	12	43	44	36	108
San Antonio	24	12	12	38	32	35	107
San Diego	24	9	15	29	47	28	82

(Total points: Win-6pts., Loss-0 pts.: Bonus points — one point is awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.)

PLAY OFFS

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE					
Northern Division					
Toronto	2	:	Rochester	1	6,872
Chicago	2	:	Toronto	3	8,150
Eastern Division					
New York	2	:	Washington	0	22,698
Tampa Bay	3	:	New York	1	36,863
Final					
Tampa Bay	0	:	Toronto	2	28,046
PACIFIC CONFERENCE					
Western Division					
Seattle	1	:	Vancouver	0	30,406
Minnesota	3	:	Seattle	0	41,405
Southern Division					
Dallas	2	:	Los Angeles	0	9,413
San Jose	2	:	Dallas	0	15,135
Final					
Minnesota	3	:	San Jose	1	49,572
NASL FINAL					
Toronto	3	:	Minnesota	0	25,765

Toronto: Bilecki: Sutevski (Strenicer), Cukon, Blaskovic, Iarusci: Polak, Eusebio, Suhnholz: Ferreira, Lukacevic, Grnja.
Minnesota: Barnett. Litt, Brine, Merrick, Sparaggon: Ntsolenque, (Howe), Bick, West. Coker, Futcher, Willey.
Scorers Eusebio, Lukacevic and Ferreira for Toronto.

CROATIA WINS TITLE IN U.S.A.

Toronto Metros-Croatia, which toured Australia early this year, has won the North American Soccer League championship.

Croatia was led by the great **Eusebio,** former Portuguese international wizard.

Also in the team was former Bayern Munich star WOLFGANG SUENHOLZ, who toured Australia with his first club, Hertha 03 of Berlin, in 1970.

It won the final in Seattle by beating the favored Minnesota Kicks 3-0, causing a major upset and taking the trophy to Canada for the first time.

Before a record crowd for an NASL final of 25,765 Minnesota took the game to Toronto for the first 30 minutes with Luton Town player **Alan West** prominent in driving his team forward.

But the tight Toronto defence was in command and as the game wore on they gained control of midfield. Toronto went ahead five minutes from half time when **Eusebio** scored with a tremendous free kick from 22 yards which was deflected by the Minnesota wall and hit the underside of the bar before entering the net.

The turning point in the game came early in the second half when with Minnesota pressing a fine move between **Patrick Ntsolenque** and **Ade Coker** ended with Coker being brought down in the penalty area. It looked like a clear penalty but referee **Gordon Hill** waved play on.

Bilecki then made a fine save on **Ron Futcher** before Toronto made it 2-0 eight minutes after the re-start with striker **Ivan Lukacevic** chesting down a long pass and blasting the ball past **Geoff Barnett** from close range.

But as time wore on Toronto's strong defence with **Mladen Cukon, Filip Blaskovic** and **Robert Iarusci** outstanding began to absorb most of the Minnesota attacks and with seven minutes left little Toronto winger **Ivan Grnja** made a fine run on the left his shot was blocked but the ball ran loose to **Ivair Ferreira** whose shot gave **Barnett** no chance.

zio Bertuzzo — Giovanni Mei

rs switch clubs

Altafini, Cagliari to Torino; **Fabio Capello,** Juventus to Milan; **Renato Cappellini,** Como to Chiasso; **Luciano Chiargugi,** Milan to Napoli; **Giorgio Chinaglia,** Lazio to New York Cosmos; **Bruno Conti,** Genoa to Roma; **Silvano Martina,** Varese to Inter; **Giovanni Mei,** Modena to Bologna; **Giorgio Morini,** Roma to Milan; **Franco Nanni,** Verona to Rimini; **Adelmo Paris,** Brescia to Bologna; **Franco Tancredi,** Milan to Rimini.

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UTA, the French airline, will provide two exciting overseas trips for the winners of the Miss Juventus quest, judged at the San Remo Ballroom on Saturday.

Miss Juventus Charity Queen will be flown to Paris and back.

Miss Juventus Beauty Queen will get a trip to Noumea in New Caledonia.

Tickets to the Miss Juventus ball on Saturday can be booked by ringing 380 2996.

The San Remo Ballroom is in Nicholson Street, Fitzroy.

Juventus president **Mr Paul Mirabella** is pictured at right with the quest entrants.

The girls, from left, and their sponsors, are: **Maria Mezzasalma** (Club Ragusa), **Anna Maria Ziella** (A & M Constructions), **Emanuela Soccio** (San Remo Catering Service), **Vicki Sorrenti** (Anthony's Florist), **Nadia Gianello** (Mirabella Group of Campanies), **Maria Devit** (Espresso Bar Association), **Nancy Briguglio** (F & T Electro-platers), **Josie Barba** (Panebianco Catering Service, Footscray Distributors, Yatsel Distributors and Keilor Bakery).

CATHOLICS ARE NO LONGER BANNED

GLASGOW. — Glasgow Rangers, the Scottish champions, have announced they have lifted the religious barriers at the club, ending a tradition by which they have previously signed only protestant players.

Willie Waddell, Rangers vice - chairman and manager, said that Rangers would "divorce themselves completely from sectarian or religious bias in every aspect of the field of play and on the terraces."

Mr Waddell also announced a tougher policy against hooligans.

The decision followed riots in Birmingham when Rangers fans went on the rampage during a friendly against English club Aston Villa, causing the match to be abandoned.

"Everything possible will be done to remove spectators from our ground who do not agree with the new policy," Mr Waddell added.

Mr Waddell said Rangers intended to smash the club's image as a sectarian organisation. He said it had been made clear to all staff that ability would be the only criterion for employment.

Celtic — Rangers' Glasgow rivals — were until recently a purely Catholic club but they too have now dropped religious discrimination. There has always been intense rivalry between the supporters of the two clubs. — AAP-Reuter.

They're in the final

Thomastown and Royal Park have qualified for the District League Cup final.

In the semi-finals at Willinda Park, Royal Park beat Mordialloc 3-0 and Thomastown beat East Brunswick 6-5 on penalties after the score was tied 1-1 after extra time.

The Reserve Cup final will be between North Springvale and North Dandenong.

In the semis at Como Park, Prahran, North Springvale beat Nunawading 6-3 on penalties and North Dandenong beat Postal Institute 3-2.

About 2000 spectators were at Greensborough for the senior semi-finals.

Greensborough officials worked hard to get the ground in order after heavy rain and the referees handled the matched extremely well.

500 years' experience

A meeting of coaches in Sydney last week once again brought to light the differences that exist between the "old school" and the Rothmans scheme.

The meeting, between 45 coaches and the NSW Federation executive, was not attended by the Rothmans national coaching director, **Eric Worthington.**

And the indication was that the new State director of coaching, **Joe Vlasits** would use assistants from outside the Rothmans framework.

The coaches at the meeting included **Joe Marston, Fil Bottalico, Leo Baumgartner, Walter Tamandl, Tony Schwartz** and **Raul Blanco.**

Vlasits said the men present represented 500 years of coaching experience.

Vlasits outlined his policies as State director and it was decided to have a coaching seminar, probably at Dural.

Italy wins

LUXEMBOUG. — Italy beat Luxembourg 4-1 in a World Soccer Cup European Group Two qualifying match here. Half time: 2-0.

Scorers: Italy — **Graziani, Bettega** (2). **Antognoni.**

Luxembourg — **Braun.** Attendance: 8000.

GROUP TWO STANDINGS

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England	2	0	0	6	2	4
Italy	1	0	0	4	1	2
Finland	1	0	2	9	7	2
Luxembourg	0	0	2	2	11	0

Avala title

Riverside Avala snared its second NSW championship when its third grade team won the title.

Kodor, Milne, Pillidge and Stefanovic were the stars of the team, coached by former Marconi player John Manessi.

Dances for Hellas guest

Two entrants in the Miss Hellas Quest will have fund-raising social functions on Saturday.

Miss Dina Asimacopoulou will have a dinner-dance at the Sarah Sands Hotel, 29 Sydney Road, Brunswick.

Tickets at $12 each are available from Dina on 42 6051. This includes food and drinks.

The function starts at 7.30 p.m. and entertainment will be by the Adams Five.

Miss Kitty Athanasiadis will have a dinner-dance at the Greek Orthodox Community Hall, 540 Sydney Road, Brunswick, starting at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets at $8 each are available from Kitty on 42 4702.

Food is provided but it's bring your own drinks.

All proceeds from both functions go towards the Hellas building appeal.

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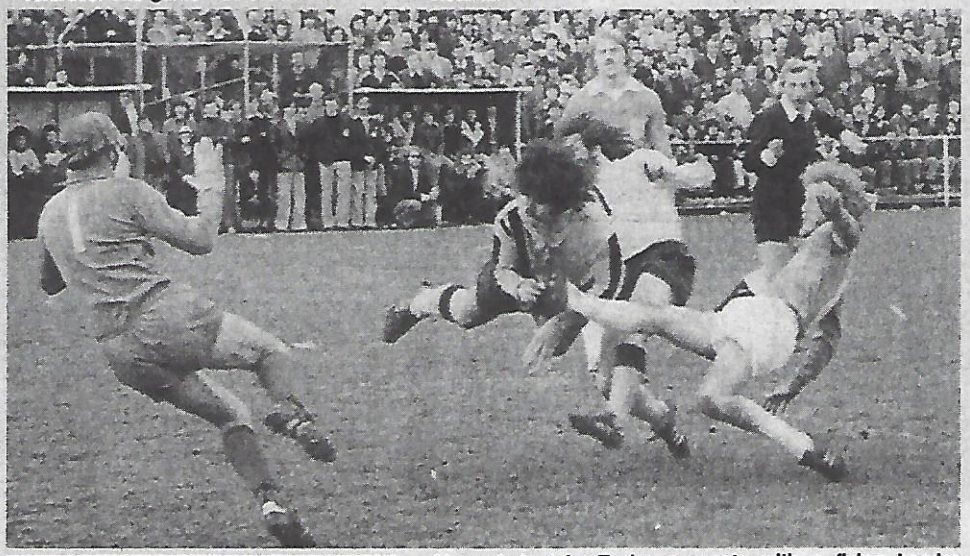
SPECIALISTS IN BRIDAL BOUQUETS

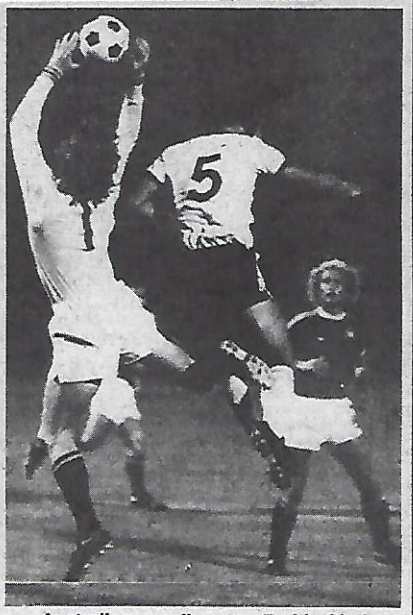
1976 IN PICTURES

Tony Vrzina (left) of Hrvatski List and Jim Barker of the Sunday Press train for the match of the year — the Press v. the referees. The game was drawn 1-1.

Soccer Action photographer Sam Belfonte took this picture of Greek idol Mimis Domazos being chaired off by enthusiastic fans, after he had played for Atromitos against Victoria.

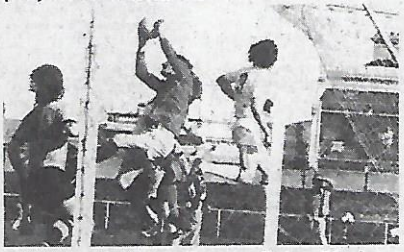


Alexander's John Taylor connects with a flying header which results in a goal, but at the same time he gets Howard Andrews' boot in his face. Hellas goalkeeper John Kennedy (left) failed to hold the header.

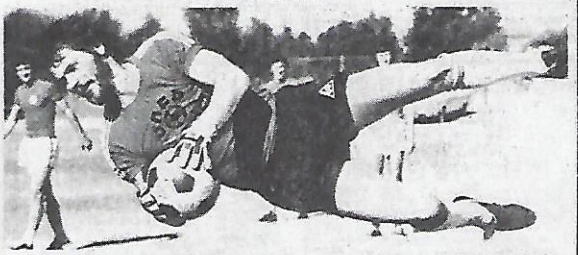


Australian goalkeeper Todd Clarke saves in front of New Zealand's Houghton, watched by Agenor Muniz, the Socceroos' midfield star. Australia beat New Zealand 3-1.

Victoria's goalkeeper Jack Reilly gets down to save a shot while his team mate Jim Kondarios (right) wards off Bologna's Lionello Massimelli. Victoria lost 0-4 in one of its worst displays.



Alexander's goalkeeper Peter Blasby makes a fine save as Sunshine's Kaz Piotrowski (right) comes flying past.



Enver Maric, goalkeeper of Velez Mostar and the Yugoslav national team, trains before the Velez v. Victoria match which was abandoned at 2-2 when the crowd invaded the pitch.

George Cross reserve goalkeeper Vic Magro saves in a match against Juventus at Olympic Park. Second from left is George Cross player coach Ken Wagstaff.

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Doug Utjesenovic left Sydney with the Australian side yesterday for a tour of Europe — but he will be our guest for the next two weeks.

Neville Morgan

Utjesenovic — a defender with top Sydney club St George — answered readers' questions before he left.

Utjesenovic's team mate and star striker **Neville Morgan,** is our columnist today.

Q: What type of work do you do? (Question by Tommy Heraldoe, Chapel St, Prahran, Vic.).

A: I am an accountant with W. C. Stephens Pty Ltd. of Arncliffe.

The firm is a division of Repco. I am in my fifth year of a six-year course, studying for a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

I go to school one night a week and also one day.

Q: How do you think the Australian team will perform in Europe and also in the 1978 World Cup series? (Question by Alan Pericoga, Vincent Ave, St Albans, Vic.).

A: I cannot see any reason why the side shouldn't do well — both on its present trip and also in the World Cup.

Of course their success rate depends on the opposition — and it won't be easy. However I expect the Australians to win more games than they'll lose, but it is up to the players to apply themselves to the games.

In the World Cup, all the countries will have much better sides than they did four years ago, but Australia should still do well overall.

Q: Are you aiming at making the Australian squad for the next World Cup series? (Question by Peter Sansom, Nepean Highway, Frankston, Vic.).

A: Of course, I would love to make it. That would be the aim of everyone playing soccer. It would be great to be selected in the side.

It's a big honor to represent your country in a sport. Last year I went to Indonesia with the under 23 side, but it would be something out of this world being selected in the World Cup squad.

Q: What has been your biggest thrill and biggest disappointment in soccer? (Question by Angelo Pasco, Cotham Rd, Kew, Vic.).

A: Finishing top of the goalscoring list in Sydney this season was a great thrill for me.

This is something most players would like to achieve and I was lucky enough to kick the most goals.

Another point I was happy about this year, was that I played in every competition match.

I have no disappointments or regrets at all.

Q: What are your favorite hobbies apart from soccer? (Question by Sammy Sparkles, Munro St, Ascot Vale, Vic.).

A: I'm a mad gambler. I love going to the gallops, trots or dogs for a few bets.

Greyhounds would be my favorite, and I go as often as I can on a Saturday night.

I was a partner in a greyhound that was quite good before he broke down and had to be destroyed.

Q: What is your favorite meal? (Question by Alan Christie, Mundy St, Bendigo, Vic.).

I love a good steak, eggs and potatoes.

I virtually live on steak, although I like anything. Fish and wiener schnitzel are two other dishes that I fancy.

On the day of a match I get up at about 9.30 and have cereal, toast and tea.

I don't eat again until after the match.

The Lions roared

In their first season, the Essendon Lions under 16s have done extremely well to finish second in their league, despite strong competition from clubs like Albion Rovers and Coburg.

Essendon under 12s also had a successful season.

The Essendon Lions under 16 team pictured at right, is back row from left: Jim Vojtek (coach), T. Zeneral, D. Koscak, C. Spicar, N. Batinovic, T. Dukovicic, Z. Loncar, B. Cosic, J. Belgian (president). Front row: D. Dezic, J. Nakic, J. Hamer, R. Digiangregorio, N. Nikolic, S. Davies. (Missing: E. Krncevic.)

Essendon Lions under 12s pictured top, back row from left: E. Miachel (assistant coach), Z. Nikolic, M. Melic, S. Gojevic, C. Nikolokopoulos, A. Giapo, J. Sigur, J. Galic, V. Nikolic, R. Vidovic, M. Marinac, (coach). Front: T. Babic, R. Vranic, M. Grgic, D. Dezic, A. Pityra, T. Odisseas, I. Culina.

Better all the time

It's hard to believe that two years ago Albion Rovers' under 10 team was a chopping block for the teams in the Lalor region. They have improved so much it is hard to believe it is the same team.

It's been a highly successful season for Albion. In two pre-season carnivals, held at Altona and Melton, Albion won both trophies.

They won their league by five points and conceded only five goals in the process.

In the J.L.M.C. cup, they had a marvellous run, beating the favorites Nunawading in a fast, exciting game, coming from behind twice. The game had to be decided on penalties.

Morwell were the quarter final opponents and although Albion had 90% of the play, they just could not find the net, and unfortunately lost on penalties.

Finally, in the biggest Under 10 carnival held at Chelsea, "The Attack Cup", played over two days by 16 of the best under 10 teams in Melbourne, Albion played fast, exciting soccer, winning five games, and drawing seven.

In a hard game of high standard, Albion lost 1-0 to Moreland in the final, having scored a total of 15 goals and conceded two over the two days.

The team, pictured, is: BACK ROW: from left: B. Mizzi (coach), D. Harris, J. Azzopardi, D. Chaplin, A. Mizzi, J. Tyquin, T. McMorrow, B. Tyquin (manager). FRONT ROW: O. Kacurow, G. Dyer, D. Scarlett (vice-capt), C. Cipri, S. McGill (capt.), G. Munro, S. Douglas. (Absent: D. Taylor). Picture by BERNIE WASLIN

GOALIE HINTS

One of the responsibilities of the goalkeeper is dealing with shots at goal.

To deal with a shot effectively the goalkeeper must either hold the ball or knock it away to safety, and in the majority of cases safety means out of play. Failure to do either usually results in a secondary scoring opportunity for the opposition.

When dealing with the shot the goalkeeper should try to get both hands and his body behind the ball. This may not always be possible especially when jumping or diving but the body should become a second barrier should the ball slip through the hands.

Figs 1 & 2 show the goalkeeper stopping a ground shot. In both cases the legs form a second barrier with the hands spread out behind the ball. In Fig. 1 it is important to note that the legs are almost straight and not bent. This is to avoid knocking the ball out of your hands with your knees as you take it into your chest.

Fig. 3 shows the goalkeeper catching the ball at waist height. Some goalkeepers lean slightly forwards from the hips to reduce the risk of the ball bouncing off them and also to cushion the impact. Once the ball has come into the body the forearms and hands close around the ball to make certain it is held securely.

When a goalkeeper decides he cannot hold the ball and must knock it away, he should try to apply as much force as possible to the ball. The speed of the ball often helps in this.

Powerful shots are often deflected past the goal with the fingers of one or both hands. At other times a keeper may have to really push the ball away using his arms and wrists to get the necessary force.

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

The Mooroolbark under 10B team which won seven and drew four, back row from left: Mrs B. Brown (manager), J. Godjics, S. Clephe, P. Philips, R. van Triet, C. Walsh, F. Lanelly, E. Regan, J. Philips (coach). Front: R. Prior, J. Doyle, G. Boyd, T. DeLeo, M. Brazil, I. Bradley, M. Prior, P. Brown.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The following appears in the published annual report by the chairman of the VSF Junior Leagues, Mr Vic Manson.

We don't know who wrote these words, but we print them here, in the hope that they will serve as a guide for all adults involved in junior soccer:

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If children live with criticism they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility they learn to fight.
If children live with ridicule they learn to be shy.
If children live with shame they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with tolerance they learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement they learn confidence.
If children live with fairness they learn justice.
If children live with security they learn to have faith.
If children live with approval they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and friendship they learn to find love in the world.

SEPP MAIER GOALIE GLOVES?

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They're champs

Mooroolbark under 15s, champions of their league. Standing, from left: Ken Hunt (manager), Mike Bouwhius, Steve Masters, David Scanlon, Phil Hammond, David Murray, David Drury, Bob Payne (coach). Front: Tony Earl, Mark Luke, David Killen, Kenny Carter, Peter Laven, Terry Phillips, George Ewing.

11—A—SIDE SHOULD BE AXED: SMITH

The Victorian Director of Coaching, Ron Smith, has recommended an end to 11 a side soccer for boys under the age of 11.

He also recommends that under 12, under 13 and under 14 representative teams be withdrawn from future national carnivals.

He made his recommendations to his report to the Victorian Junior LEAGUES ANNUAL MEETING.

Ron Smith favors a system of five-a-side soccer for boys up to 11.

He says in his report:

"Any change from a set pattern of procedure or training can either do good, or bad, — it is up to us to ensure we have the best system possible.

"The answer, of course, is that each action is judged by the effect it will have on the whole structure — to advance or not to advance — that could be the dilemma.

"We must weigh each situation carefully and critically in clear terms, to see which are to be encouraged, and which are to be ignored — or even opposed.

"We do not want either absurd, or dishonest, inconsistencies. It matters greatly to the functioning of the organisation, whether the participants are informed by disenchanted, or satisfied, attitudes.

"The perspective and criteria which determines an individual's judgment about a junior and his training, are therefore **most relevant,** and not merely a matter of **academic explicitness.**

"In most respects our system of training has been a success, at its worst, it has performed in accordance with the desires of junior administration. Training or coaching is concerned with changing a person's performance, with teaching him to do something he couldn't do before. It is the bridge between inability and ability, **VSF Juniors are vital to us — to our very existence —** they are entitled to the best. We will ensure they get the best.

"In order to get the juniors' present problem in perspective, it is important at the outset to be reminded of the varied character of the structure, and the changing environment in which junior growth has to evolve. After a backward glance, it is hardly surprising that the life of the VSF juniors has been full of stress and strain, but we have advanced, and will continue to do so.

"Our results are measured, and if necessary adjusted, so as to be more efficient and effective. If the nature of the operation permits, this phase continues until the desired results are attained. That is, the process is continually revised with the aim of getting closer, and closer, to maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

"It is essential we have an operational philosophy which properly satisfied the future needs of junior growth and training. It will be left to each individual to evaluate the proposals of the Director of Coaching."

Nunawading equalises at 1-1 in the final against North Geelong. Nunawading went on to win 3-1.

Mooroolbark under 10 goalkeeper Richard Ellisdon, a nephew of senior team player Mike Clarey.

WITH THE JUNIORS

NUNAWADING TAKES THE SHIELD

Nunawading won the 1976 William Bowles Shield when they defeated North Geelong 3-1 in the final at Esther Park, Mooroolbark.

Nineteen teams, including three from Geelong, took park in the competition.

It is an annual carnival organised by Mooroolbark Junior Soccer Club for under 10 players.

The shield is in memory of William Bowles, an ardent supporter of the club.

Mooroolbark A won the Lions Club of Mooroolbark trophy for sportsmanship.

About 600 people watched the elimination round and about 400 the finals.

Bayswater won the inaugural shield last year.

The Lions Club of Mooroolbark and local scouts helped organise the carnival.

All the results:

Group 1: Nunawading 'A' 6 Waverley 0; Corio 1 Bayswater A 1; Springvale 1 Nunawading A 0; Waverley 0 Corio 2; Bayswater A 0 Springvale 0; Nunawading A 0 Corio 0; Waverley 0 Bayswater A 2; Corio 1 Springvale 1; Nunawading A 3 Bayswater A 0; Waverley 0 Springvale 2.

Group 2: Ringwood City A 1 Box Hill A 0; Ring. City A 2 Newborough 0; Box Hill A 0 Nth Geelong 1; Ring City A 0 Nth Geelong 1; Nth Geelong 1 Newborough 0; Box Hill A 0 Newborough 0.

Group 3: Croydon A 3 Mooroolbark B 0; East Geelong 0 Ferntree Gully 0; Croydon A 0 Ring. United 0; Mooroolbark B 0 East Geelong 0; Ferntree Gully 0 Ring. United 0; Croydon A 2 East Geelong 0; Mooroolbark B 1 Ferntree Gully 0; East Geelong 1 Ring. United 0; Croydon A 0 Ferntree Gully 0; Mooroolbark B 0 Ring. United 1.

Group 4: Mooroolbark A 0 Bayswater B 0; Barwon City 1 Boronia 2; Mooroolbark A 1 Doncaster 0; Bayswater B 2 Barwon City 0; Boronia 0 Doncaster 0; Mooroolbark A 4 Barwon City 0; Bayswater B 0 Boronia 0; Barwon City 1 Doncaster 2; Mooroolbark A 4 Boronia 0; Bayswater B 1 Doncaster 1.

Quarter finals: Nth Geelong 4 Ring Utd 1; Springvale 2 Bayswater B 1; Mooroolbark 4 Nunawading 5. AET plus penalties. Ringwood City 1 Croydon 0.

Semi Finals: Ringwood City 0 Nunawading 1; Nth Geelong 6 Springvale 4. AET plus penalties.

Final: Nunawading 3 Nth Geelong 1.

Nunawading players receive the William Bowles Shield as winners of the annual under 10 carnival at Esther Park, Mooroolbark.

Mooroolbark's under 10s hold up the good sportsmanship trophy they won at the William Bowles Shield carnival.

Big schools carnival at Frankston

The fifth annual City of Frankston carnival for under 14 secondary schoolboys will be held on Sundays October 24 and 31 at Monterey Reserve, the home of Frankston Pines Soccer Club.

The "Tom Wall Shield" is at present held by the 1975 winner, Seaford-Carrum High which wrested it in last year's final from Monterey High, which had won it the two previous years. The initial winner in 1972 was Frankston Tech.

About 16 teams are expected to enter this year. High, Tech and private schools from the peninsula and up as far as Aspendale have taken part in this interesting competition over the past five years.

It fills a need for junior secondary boys who miss out on representing their schools in open age soccer.

The carnival is sponosred by Frankston Pines Club, whose officials prepare the ground and whose ladies cater for the large crowd over the two weekends.

Southern Region referees give their services free and their presence adds a lot to the prestige of the competition.

The driving force behind the schools side of things is **Mr Laurie Tipton,** sportsmaster at Frankston Tech.

An all-round sportsman himself, Laurie is always pleased to be associated with this carnival and his organising ability in arranging the programme is a big factor in the continued success of this competition.

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Spotlight on Tasmania

SOCCER SHOW

The Tasmanian Soccer Association will have an exhibition at the Royal Show in Hobart until Saturday.

The exhibition deals with all sections of the Soccer Association and affiliated members.

Former national team captain **Johnny Warren**, now coach of the Canberra National League team, is a special guest at the exhibition.

The Coaches and Referees Associations are also taking part with displays.

There will be non-stop video films of games and coaching and daily competitions are being run.

Man behind the scheme is TSA promotions officer **Reg Tolputt** who has launched a campaign to put Tasmanian soccer into the splotlight.

Reg, the curator of the Tasmanian Cricket Association, spends about 30 hours a week on his honorary soccer duties.

He is a member of the State Council and a State team manager.

Army to apply

The Hobart Salvation Army Citadel has decided to apply for admission to the Tasmanian Soccer Association for next season.

The boys are looking forward to the season with confidence and are recruiting from churches in the Hobart area.

They will play a friendly game against the referees on October 30

RAPID IS BEST

Rapid-Wrest Point has won the 1976 Tasmanian State championship.

Having won the Tasmania South league title, Rapid had to play home and away against the champion of the North, Juventus.

Rapid won 3-2 in Hobart and on penalties in Launceston to take the title.

Rapid, sponsored by the Wrest Point Casino since last year, had also won the championship in 1961 and 1964.

It took the Ampol Cup in 1974.

The first team squad this year was: P. Kannegiesser, B. Cengia, John Dilba (captain), T. Wilson, W. Stuetzal (coach), D. Reid, J. Plasonic, F. Letic, O. Bachinger, M. Box, D. Farmery, A. Schiebl, Jack Dilba.

Farmery, Letic and Stuetzal are State representatives.

Club president is Mr K. Metzenthin and secretary Mr R. H. Hurley.

Tasmanian Rothmans Medallist Alistair Hales (left) with runner-up Wolfgang Stuetzal.

ALISTAIR IS TOPS

Alistair Hales of Caledonians has won the Rothmans Medal as the best and fairest player in Tasmania South.

Runner-up for the third year was Rapid-Wrest Point player-coach **Wolfgang Stuetzal**.

The presentation night was at the Wrest Point Casino.

Mr John O'Brien, State manager of Rothmans, announced that a special trophy would be presented to Stuetzal at the Tasmanian Soccer Association annual dinner on November 6, in tribute to one of the Styate's outstanding sportsmen.

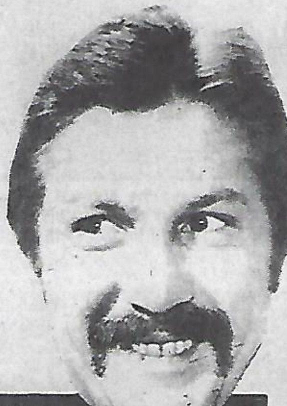
Master of Ceremonies was **Tom Payne** of TVT6 and guests included the Minister for the Environment, **Mr Jack Frose**; the Lord Mayor of Hobart, **Doug Plaister**; the Mayor of Glenorchy, **Dennis Fall**; the vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation, **Mr Vic Tuting**, and the chairman of the TSA, **Mr Feeley**.

Former Rothmans Medal winner **O. Hall** was present.

Alistair Hales, who comes from Scotland, is captain-coach of Caledonians and a State representative.

At 23 he was one of the youngest players to receive the award.

His victory was one of the highlights of Caledonians' 25th anniversary year.



KNUT WERNER

And now, England v. Bielefeld U.14

Have you ever considered that the umbilical cord connecting a prodigious soccer offspring to the motherland is none other than a healthy fiscal programme? (In the case of Germany ignore the words motherland and umbilical cord).

With the tears of **Tim Brooke-Taylor** and the softening of the white raj's upper lip as the sun sets on the British Empire, English soccer has met its Dunkirk.

As the discovery comes that it is cheaper to put £ sterling into monopoly games than it is to print the real thing, we are witness to the grief of national poverty and its crippling effect on a country's showcase sport.

That wastrel, the insidious Labor Party, has brought the British to their financial knees and inflicted the English II with flat feet.

The country that once said to Napoleon "Up yours" is now struggling to last 90 minutes with Finland and Luxembourg.

Both these countries have an amateur soccer army which meets every other Tuesday for tea and training.

Perhaps the old British bulldog, having lost its teeth, finds it difficult to grip with the gums. It can't afford a new set of dentures by a private dentist and those on national health don't fit well enough to eat foreign delicacies.

Compare this with the soccer prowess of West Germany which has the world's strongest currency.

These square - headed spendthrifts are so confident of their economic policy that they have invited the Australian Socceroos (also from a land bedevilled by an economic submarine) to play one of their amateur teams.

I believe that the match is a curtain raiser to a real German soccer game.

One can hear the ground loud speakers at Hamburg now:

"Vood da people playing mit da kurtin elevator pleeease stay away from ze goal areas.

"Soo ve don't mucka up ze turf you must play your game across ze pitch.

"Wolfgang vill put down zum old poolovers to indicate ze scoring area.

"Ze bar prozeedes from zis game will go to Australia to help ze Mr Fraser unt his poor budget.

"Unt remember next week you kan kum unt zee ze English national team playing mit Bielefeld unter ze 14.

"Don't worry about Australia being sold out, Rale. Remember bar geld is bar geld."

If it is a toss up between playing an English side and a German amateur side, let's stick with the one from which there is something to learn.

SAINTS PERFECT RECORD

The title of top Tasmanian schools side must surely go to St Virgil's College under 14s who have completed two seasons without defeat.

Last year the boys won the divisional, southern and State premierships and the knock-out cup in the under 13 age group and this year they were under 14 champions.

With the State title to be decided next month, they must start as favorites, as they have won all other titles they have aimed at.

In the two seasons, they have secured 152 goals and conceded only 25.

JUNIORS VISIT

Representative teams of the Southern Tasmania Primary Schools Soccer Association visited South Australia recently, as guests of junior clubs in the Para Hills area.

Host junior teams were Ingle Farm, Para Hills, Modbury Vista and Fairview Park.

Four teams from Southern Tasmania took part — Under 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Results:

UNDER 9s: Ingle Farm 0, Sthn Tasmania 3; Modbury Vista 1, Sthn Tasmania 1; Fairview Park 0, Sthn Tasmania 0; Ingle Farm 0, Sthn Tasmania 1.

UNDER 10s: Para Hills I 2, Sthn Tasmania 1; Para Hills II 0, Sthn Tasmania 5; Fairview Park 2, Sthn Tasmania 3.

UNDER 11s: Ingle Farm 0, Sthn Tasmania 1; Fairview Park 0, Sthn Tasmania 1; Modbury Vista 0, Sthn Tasmania 0; Ingle Farm 0, Sthn Tasmania 6.

UNDER 12s: Modbury Vista I 1, Sthn Tasmania 2; Modbury Vista II 0, Sthn Tasmania 3; Ingle Farm 2, Sthn Tasmania 2; Modbury Vista 0, Sthn Tasmania 1.

A BIG NIGHT

More than 1500 people were at the Tasmanian Primary Schools presentation night at the City Hall in Hobart.

Among the guests were the Premier, **Mr W. Neilson**; the Lord Mayor of Hobart, **Cr D. Plaister**; the Mayors of Glenorchy, **Cr D. Fall**, and Clarence, **Cr D. Brown**; **Eric Reece**, former Premier of Tasmania; **V. Tuting, vice-chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation; F. Cunningham**, secretary of State Council; **R. Tolputt**, State Council, and **R. Ma-lor**, secretary of State Schools Association.

ZIKA NIKOLIC

PLAVI SU VEC U FINALU

Utakmica JUST — Hellas zadovoljila je hrabre gledaoce, koji su posle neprekidne trodnevne kise, ipak dosli da vide sampione na delu.

U prvom poluvremenu JUST je bio mnogo bolji, jer se svaki igrac na vreme oslobadjao lopte. Kratki i brzi pasovi nisu odgovarali Hellasu, te nije cudo sto se na odmor otislo sa rezultatom 2:0 za JUST. Prvi gol je postigao Mendo Ristovski iz mrtvog ugla u 39.minutu, dok je Palinkas povisio na 2:0 tri minuta kasnije, neodbra njivim udarcem sa 30 metara.

U drugom poluvremenu PLAVI su promenili sistem igre. Poceli su da zadrzavaju loptu i dribluju, sto je islo u racum robustnim i snaznijim igracima Helasa. Narocito je preterivao Picioane, pa je Cirkovic morao da ga zameni. Uradio je na vreme, jer nikada nismo videli JUST-ovu odbranu u takvoj panici. Na svakoj utakmici, pa i ovog puta, Olerton podmuklo udari Bolanda, tako da ovaj odlicni golman ne zna do kraja utakmice gde je nebo a gde zemlja. Umesto Olertona zuti karton je dobio desni bek JUST-a, koji je sa Palinkasom bio najbolji na terenu.

Hellas je dokazao da je zasluzeno osvojio prvenstvo Viktorije, jer samo dobri timovi znaju da se izvuku iz teske krize u pravo vreme.

Ostaje sporno pitanje da li jeu 88.minute sudija bio u pravu sto nije dosudio penal protiv Hellasa. Jedino znamo da je Buljevic imao idealnu priliku da postigne gol, kada je svom tezinom tresnuo na zemlju.

U svakom slucaju JUST-u je bio dovoljan neresan rezultat za ulazak u finale. Teoriski Mooroolbark bi mogao da pomrsi JUST-ovu racunicu ako pobedi sa 4 gola razlike najmanje. U tom slucaju, ako Hellas i George Cross igraju nereseno, JUST bi ispao iz finala. Svi ostali rezultati ne mogu da naskode "plavima". Ali zato Hellas nije bas siguran. Bez dva igraca ne moze da pravi nikakve racune, cak treba ocekivati da George Cross napravi iznenadjenje.

Moj tip je (iako to ne odgovara blagajnicima klubova) da ce se u finalu sastati JUST i George Cross. Radovalo bi me ako bi pogresio, ali vidi se da su igraci Helasa siti lopte, iako mozda nisu siti novaca.

Finale u Albury-u

U finalu za Albury Cup sastali su se prosle nedelje Albury City i Wodonga Diamonds. Za prvi klub igraju Grci, a za drugi uglavnom Jugosloveni. Posle zive i uzbudljive igre pehar su osvojili Grci (Albury City). Pobedili su sa 3:1 (1:0). Nasi su poceli nervozno, ali ih pokopao autogol na pocetku igre. Diamonds se popravio u drugom poluvremenu, ali nije imao srecu na svojoj strani. Jedini gol je postigao Darko Stuhli.

JUST se odazvao pozivu da gostuje u Wodongi, gde ce igrati 13. novembra protiv Diamondsa. U nedelju 7. novembra JUST igra prijateljsku utakmicu u Sidneju protiv Avale.

Lopta je okrugla

Pre neki dan smo pomislili da je stamparska greska kad smo procitali da je Salke (bez Oblaka) usred Minhena sredio evropskog sampiona Bajerna sa 7:0. Medjutim, bila je to gola istina. U nogometu je sve moguce, inace bi mali i slabi klubovi odavno digli ruke od takmicenja. Nista manje nisu neverovatni rezultati sesnaestine finala JUGO-KUPA. U Banjaluci BORAC je pregazio DINAMO iz Zagreba sa 5:1, dok je ZAGREB katastrofalno porazio OFK Beograd sa 6:1. Ostali rezultati: Hajduk - Celik 1:0, Partizan - Z½eljeznicar (Sarajevo) 1:0, Vardar - Velez (Mostar) 1:0, Pobeda (Prilep) - Buducnost 1:2, Radnicki (Pirot) - Radnicki (Kr.) 2:1, Sloga (Doboj) - Radnicki (Nis) 1:2, Vojvodina - Olimpija 2:0. Ostale utakmice se igraju u sredu 20.10.1976, istovremeno sa utakmicama drugog kola evropskih kupova, gde interese i ugled jugoslovenskog nogometa brane jos tri kluba (Hajduk protiv Atletika u Madridu, Zvezda protiv Austrije u Salzburgu i Dinamo protiv Magendburga u Istocnoj Nemackoj).

—Zika Nikolic

STANDINGS, SCORERS

Tasmanian league details

Winfield League Div.1.
FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	goal %
Rapid W.P.	12	4	2	49	18	28	2.72
Olympia S.C.	10	4	4	55	33	24	1.66
Juv. Pioneer	10	3	5	49	24	23	2.05
White Eagles	10	3	5	56	32	23	1.75
Croatia-G'chy	9	4	5	53	36	22	1.47
Metro-C'mont	9	3	6	35	29	21	1.21
C'donians	7	5	6	45	42	19	1.07
Dnipro Hobart	4	0	14	13	57	8	.23
S. Hobart	3	0	15	29	68	6	.43
E. Sub.	2	2	14	21	66	6	.32

Goalscorers:

Rapid Wrest Point — (49) Farmery 31. Latec 6. Box. Schiebl 3 each, Cengia 2. Olsson, Bachinger, Plazonio, Jack Dilba 1 each.

Olympia — (55) Constantinovits 16. Wright, Spendiff 10 each, Bailey 6, Broughton 5. Kasakos, Parolas 3 each, own goals 1.

Juventus Pioneer — (49) Genovesi 12. Rizzolo 10. Di Tomasso 9. Sarfalvy. Hargraves 3 each, Frafraccio, Carnevale 2 each. Owen 1.

White Eagles — (56) Oakes 16. Southworth 13. Morgan 10. Linnell 4. Richards Kelly 3 each, Skaro. Wass 2 each. Jenkins 1. own goals 2.

Croatia Glenorchy — (53) A. Collins 24. Frame 11. Lakoseljac 7. C. Collins 3. Cowan 2. Leung. Payne. Pavic 1 each. own goals 2.

Metro Claremont — (35) Blackmore 11. D. Smith. Pitchford 5 each. M. Sugden. McKinnon 3 each. Francis 2. Shacklady. Fone. A. Smith. N. Sugden. Mohring 1 each. own goals 1.

Caledonians — (21) Godfrey 10. Hindmarsh 8. Siggins 7. Hales 5. Stanton 4. Dean. Clark. Dunsby 2 each. Phillips 1. own goals 2.

Dnipro — (13) Di Tomasso 6. W. Lagerewskij. Bolton 2 each. Zietzen. Jones. V. Lagerewskij 1 each.

South Hobart — (29) Thomas 8. W. Kirkpatrick 4. Oakes. J. Kirkpatrick. Davis. Buckingham 3 each. Ring. Mackie 1 each. own goals 3.

Eastern Suburbs — (21) Walker 8. Shadbolt 4. Eastman 2. Allen. Larkin. Trousdale. Marron. Cairns. Barter. Glancy 1 each.

Winfield League
Division 1 Reserves

	P	W	L	D	F	Agst	Pts
Rapid	18	14	4	0	67	35	28
W. Eagles	18	13	4	1	69	34	27
Calies	18	12	4	2	69	29	26
Metro	18	11	5	2	65	31	24
Juventus	18	9	6	3	49	38	21
Croatia	17	7	8	2	47	49	16
E. Sub.	17	8	9	0	44	52	16
S. Hobart	17	3	13	1	29	53	7
Olympia	17	3	13	1	23	80	7
Dnipro	18	2	16	0	26	87	4

Goalscorers:

Rapid — (67) Matthias 27. Gervan 15. L. Metzenthin 5. Olsson 3. Krambousanous. Staddon. Kovacs. Zlatic. Willcock 2 each. Thompson. Arbuckle. Dean. Ross. Schiebl. Newlands 1 each, own goals 1.

W. Eagles — (69) Draskovic. Riddock 8 each. Rakowski. Dora 6 each. Smith. Nelson 5 each. Adamczyk. Prodanovic. Conlan 3 each. Petrov. Kolabinski. Witek. Jenkins. Sikora 2 each. Kempa. Wass. Skaro. Elliott. Rybak 1 each, own goals 7.

Calies — (69) Clark 19. Aitken 9. Webb 8. Sutherland 7. Wallner. Adkins 5 each. R. Webb 4. Hudson 3. Siegloff 2. Fone. Miller. Patterson. Virth 1 each. own goals 3.

Metro — (65) R. Webb 20. Turner 11. Delaney 7. A. Smith 6. Blackmore. Pitchford. Gill 3 each. Vivarelli. Kallenbeck 2 each. M. Sugden. Clamp. N. Sugden. Rae. Peters 1 each. owng oals 3.

Juventus — (49) M. Scavone 11. Parodi 8. Palermo 6. Di Domenico 5. S. Di Tomasso. A. Palermo. Marino. B. Di Tomasso. Venetacci 2 each. Guidotti. Paternoster. Longo. Schiro. E. Palermo. Sarfalvy. Totaro 1 each. own goals 2.

Croatia — (47) Stevanovic 9. Lakoseljac 6 Millic Wilcott 5 ea.. R. Holermann. Savic. Pless. Szemes 3 each. Berka. Bakic. Pavic 2 each. Glasovac. Dzelalija. Dujomovic. Payne 1 each.

E. Suburbs — (44) Davey 9. Priseman 5. Walker 4. Phipps. Allan 3 each. Omant. Glancy. A. Grangber. Gould. Kerry 2 each. A. Eastman. Southern. Barter. Nunn 1 each, own goals 6.

Sth. Hobart — (29) Dolliver. Henderson. Boughey 5 each. Webb 4. Hughes 3. Enright. Lustig. McKenzie. Davis 1 each. own goals 3.

Olympia (23) Goscombe 4. Schweisinger. S. Huddlestone. Krambousanous. Jones 2 each. Kazakos. Easton. R. Vall. Karaglahhakis. Cayzer. Verth. Wood. Kanniaros. Crowther 1 each. own goals 2.

Dnipro — (26) G. Singh. Elliott 6 each. Butterworth 3. Straatsma. Zietzen. Griggs. R. Butterworth. Huxley. N. Nandan. Grant. Aberley 1 each. own goals 3.

Winfield League Division II —
FINAL TABLE 1976 & Goalscorers

University	17	13	0	4	88	13	30
St. Mirren	18	11	4	3	64	28	25
M'sian Tigers	19	10	8	1	67	49	21
Kingborough	18	7	8	3	38	32	17
Grad.	18	7	11	0	37	57	14
Salvos	18	0	17	1	9	124	1

Goalscorers:

University — (88) Norman 24. Gambles 13. Hoskins 12. Wignall 9. Page 8. Gonninon 5. M. Page. Pidd. Muir 3 each. Sloane 2. Banks Grayley. Speight. Sumner. Richardson 1 each. own goals 4.

St. Mirren — (64) Gibson 27. Blake 10. P. Krause 7. Brushett 6. D. Krause. S. Marlor 4 each. Paterson. Hill 2 each. Graham 1. own goals 1.

M. Tigers — (67) Basir 20. Gani 12. Talib 11. Jamaluddin. Daud 5 each. Kamarulzaman 4. Moss 3. De Souza 2. Merchant. Azizi. Zainal 1 each. own goals 2.

Kingborough — (38) Bishop 12. P. O'Brien. Faircloth. Scott. Miller 4 each. Perrin 3. Richardson. Wright. Careen. Rafferty. Thyer. Doedens 1 each. own goals 1.

Graduates — (37) Newman 7. Hasan 5. Butler 4. Giles. Peters 3 each. Robinson. Jackson 2 each. Muddaliar. Huskins. Attenborough. Jarayaharn. Sengupta. Clift. Whitchurch 1 each. own goals 4.

Salvos — (9) Tolputt. M. 4. Clinch. Pitkin. Parsell. Attenborough 1 each. own goals 1.

Hat tricks scored by:

Basir (M. Tigers). Norman (University). Gibson (St. Mirren) 4 each. Talib (M. Tigers). Page (University) 2 each. Jamaluddin (M. Tigers). Newman (Graduates). Gambles & Hoskins (University). Bishop. Faircloth. P. O'Brien (Kingborough) 1 each.

Winfield League Division III —
FINAL TABLE 1976 & GOALSCORERS

University	19	14	1	4	78	24	32
Calies	18	12	3	3	65	23	27
Kingbro	18	6	6	6	33	37	18
Grad.	19	6	11	2	29	55	14
St. Mirren	18	5	13	0	32	52	10
E. Sub.	18	3	12	8	26	72	9

Goalscorers:

University — (78) Richardson 10. Banks. Sloane 8 each. Goodwin. Sumner 7 each. Norman. Collidge 6 each. Joughin. Bridge. Hoskins 4 each. Wignall. Enright 3 each. Dockray. Gonninon 2 each. De Salis. Webb. Eastwood 1 each. own goals 1.

Calies — (65) R. Chadwick 20. Jones. K. Chadwick. Brooks. Fraser 4 each. W. Godfrey. Adkins. Wilkins 3 each. Carrol. Hurd. Bygraves. Dolphine. Nichols. Siegloff 2 each. Scott. Virth. T. Godfrey. Bell. D. Arnott. G. Arnott 1 each. owng oals 2.

Kingborough — (33) Armstrong 7. Moraitis 5. Anders. Rugg. Grafanakis 3 each. De Marte. Doedens 2 each. Sprod. Stanley. Reynolds. Lucas. Tulip. Carson. Radcliffe 1 each. own goals 1.

Graduates — (29) Jackson. Butler 5 each. Fraser. Sengupta. Knight. Whitchurch 2 each. Newman. Gibson. Jamrozk. Joughin. Fisher 1 each. own goals 6.

St. Mirren — (32) Rush 6. Graham 5. Mason. Petrusma 4 each. Daker. Wardrop 3 each. P. Krause. Kelly. Hall. Ratcliffe. Kirkham 1 each. own goals 2.

E. Suburbs — (26) Murtagh. Walker 4 each. Cochrane. Friseman. Davison 3 each. Nunn. Trousdale 2 each. Barter. Allan. A. Granger. Kenny. Case 1 each.

Hat tricks scored by: K. Chadwick (Calis) twice. Wignall. Richardson. Hoskins. Norman Sumner (University). Priseman. Walker (E. Suburbs). Buitler. Jackson (Graduates). Anders (Kingborough). Graham (St. Mirren) 1 each.

Under 17 'H' Division —
FINAL TABLE 1976

Olympia	17	11	1	5	45	15	27
Calies	16	8	5	3	39	29	19
Uni.	16	7	4	5	42	34	19
Dnipro	17	7	7	3	36	30	17
W. Eagles	17	5	7	3	31	45	13
Croatia	15	4	7	4	23	33	12
St. Mirren	14	0	11	3	14	44	3

PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan, Provisional and District Leagues.

NEWPORT WILL CHANGE NAME

Newport will next year be known as the Ardeer Soccer Club.

Ardeer was the name of the club in the District League before it amalgamated with Newport.

The Victorian Soccer Federation has already approved the name change.

Newport will finish the season with a social match to decide the Azor Cup on Sunday October 24.

Many former and visiting players have been invited to compete.

Some of these include **Boghdan Anolak, Eddy Klimczek** and **Marian Jaworski** — winner of Polonia's best and fairest award this year.

The match will be played at the Ardeer ground.

Marian Sowula won the club's best and fairest award this year, from **George Orliniski.**

The most consistent player award went to **Eddie Wrobel,** and the top goalscorer was **Zenon Kolanowicz.**

Senior coach **Mike Olinowski** was given a trophy for his wonderful work throughout the year.

Marian Adamzewicz won the reserves best and fairest from **John Fisiak.**

Most consistent was **Tom Zombola** and an encouragement award was presented to **Chris Golasz.**

The awards were presented by **Alan Muse** of Deer Park Real Estate, who sponsored the club.

HAMILL AGAIN

Doveton has re-elected Roger Hamill as club president for next season.

Danny McMinimee, the coach who sent Doveton from third division up to the second grade, takes over as vice president.

Mr Watson becomes a committeeman.

Tom Torrance will once again serve as secretary, while **Steve Robertson,** who held the treasurer position for four years has resigned. **Tom Shannon** will take his place.

PRESIDENT PEGG

Croydon's Jeff Pegg has been elected to the club president position.

Pegg was secretary of Croydon for five years.

BAYSWATER BOMBED

Bayswater performed brilliantly in the Dockerty Cup . . . but the 1976 season finished on a sad note with relegation to third division.

Without looking for excuses the club was a little unfortunate in that loss of players and injuries were the worst in the club's 25 year existence. Next year under its new name of Knox City the boys will be doing their best to regain their place in Division Two.

Bayswater skipper **Alan Jackson** was judged best player in Division Two this season and was also voted best player in Bayswater's own presentation. 'The Wizard', as Alan is known, served with Mooroolbark and Croydon before coming to Bayswater three years

Marian Jaworski

Eddy Klimczek

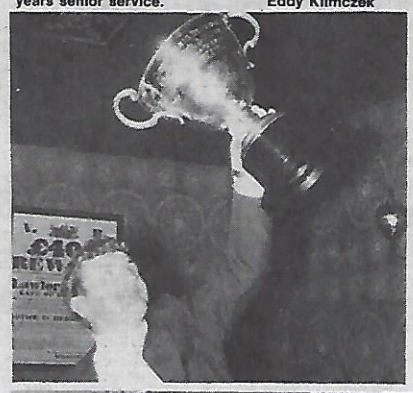
Alan 'The Wizard' Jackson with the Bayswater Best Player trophy presented at the Bayswater Hotel by George Yelland.

Runner up was Bernie Jensen.

Best reserve was Phil Dunning.

Runner up Matt Vandelaak.

Dick Gerrish and Bernie Jensen received plaques to commemorate 10 years senior service.



Young Tasmanian Ivan Skaro, is following in the footsteps of his father, and former champion player Tony.

Ivan, a left winger, recently was a member of the under 10 Southern Tasmanian Primary Soccer Association squad that visited South Australia.

While in Adelaide, the team played a number of games against junior sides.

Tony Skaro was a vital member of the Croatia championship team in 1964.

He is a former coach of Croatia (Tasmania) and White Eagles.

The touring side, pictured left to right is: Back row: J. Kenny, P. Burleigh, S. Young, A. McKay (manager), P. Cavarretta, A. Sinclair, T. Free (coach), M. Kent, R. Eccles, S. Longo.

Front row: D. Stoddart, J. White, F. Perri, I. Cahut, S. Cavarretta, I. Skaro.

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BIG YEAR IN NORTH EAST

by JOHN WEIR, Soccer Commentator, radio 3SR, Shepparton.

The North Eastern Soccer League seson for 1976 has now been completed and it turned out to be one of the most successful in the League's history.

As the year began, portents were bright for the League and it was thought that the fight for the championship would be between the strong Shepparton teams, with the possibility that Cobram would put up a bold showing in its first season after a two year suspension.

As the season progressed, however, it became clear that Cobram would be the front runners in the race for the 1976 flag, leaving the other teams floundering in its wake.

COBRAM lost its first match to its eventual tormentors, SHEPPARTON SOUTH, but from then on, did not taste defeat, which weas truly a remarkable effort.

COBRAM inflicted some heavy losses on the lower teams, the most notable being a 15-0 drubbing of KYABRAM. In the finals series, COBRAM defeated SHEPPARTON SOUTH in the 2nd Semi to advance straight into the grand final.

SHEPPARTON SOUTH started the season full of promise and did well in most of its matches to hold on to second spot on the ladder during most of the home and away series. Spearheaded by playing coach **JIM BULL** and dynamic forward **DAVID THEMAN**, SOUTH overcame problems in its defence by always scoring plenty of goals. But SOUTH was prone to having the occasional "bad days", particularly in the second round, after a broken leg put BULL out of the team for a major part of the season. Late in the season, SOUTH dropped a valuable point at home to lowly MYRTLEFORD. Unfortunately for SOUTH, it suffered "the blues" in both vital finals games. They were defated in the second Semi by COBRAM, and then in the preliminary final by LEMNOS, and finished the season with very little to show for its obvious talent.

Out of towners TATURA took to the field in 1976 with a young, fit and enthusiastic side, master minded by evergreen **GEORGE WATSON**, who was the Club's playing coach.

TATURA was a hard side to beat all year specially at home. This was one of the more consistent sides in the League and its steady performances took it to third position at the end of the home and away games. But TATURA never really looked like troubling the two top sides and ended the season in a position roughtly equivalent to its potential, so it could not be disappointed.

LEMNOS was the team which brough home to most NESL fans that the finals series can be a different ball game altogether. LEMNOS, under brilliant coach and centre forward **KEITH JOHNSON**, played indifferently for most of the year and hovered around the middle of the table. In fact, after the League decided that no points would be awarded to either LEMNOS or SHEPPARTON UNITED for their game at Central Park on July 25 (the referee called off the match before time after violence involving players and spectators), LEMNOS sank to near the bottom of the ladder. But, only weeks later, LEMNOS fell into fourth position, largely by default, and then stormed into the grand final and led COBRAM 2-0 with 20 minutes to go! A determined run took LEMNOS to sixth spot before the last home and away games. SHEPPARTON CITY were fifth and SHEPPARTON UNITED fourth. SHEPPARTON CITY lost to COBRAM. LEMNOS beat SHEPPARTON UNITED and got fourth place on goal average. Then, in the 1st semi final, LEMNOS beat TATURA, then disposed of SHEPPARTON SOUTH in the Preliminary Final and got to the Grand Final, a sharp contrast to its position only weeks earlier.

Of the other sides in the field, SHEPPARTON CITY played well but faltered at crucial times and finished sixth, SHEPPARTON UNITED tried hard and finished fifth, while MYRTLEFORD, WANGARATTA, BENALLA and KYABRAM were always destined to be amongst the "also rans" and those teams confirmed this by finishing at the foot of the table.

The Grand Final of the 1976 NESL Competition was staged at DEAKIN RESERVE, SHEPPARTON on Sunday October 10 and well over 1000 people turned out to watch the games.

In the JUNIORS (Under 16) Grade, TATURA showed that it has lots of young talent and easily accounted for COBRAM to the tune of 5-0.

COBRAM showed the depth of player in its Club when its RESERVES defeated SHEPPARTON SOUTH 2-1.

In the First Grade grand final, the protagonists were COBRAM and LEMNOS, and both sides appeared evenly matched. LEMNOS, through **CHRIS RADEVSKI** and **KEITH JOHNSON**, made all the running — it led 1-0 at half time and 2-0 with 20 minutes to go and had the flag all parcelled up and ready at that stage to take away. Then, suddenly with forwards **STEVE DUNN** and **PAUL DENSON** firing at last, COBRAM began to cash in on its chances and equalized with two very good goals. In the second half of extra time, a LEMNOS defender handled the ball in his penalty area. With four minutes remaining, COBRAM'S **HUGH RATTRAY** took the kick from the spot and slotted the ball to the top right hand corner of the net, past the outstretched arms of the LEMNOS goalkeeper **PETHERICK** to give COBRAM the game.

Referee BRENNAN controlled the match very well, and this year's grand final was a highly entertaining and very exciting game, with the ball swinging from end to end right from the first whistle.

The North Eastern Soccer League can look back on its 1976 season as a very successful one and it augurs well for the future of the round ball code in this area of country Victoria.

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ΜΕΤΑΓΡΑΦΕΣ ΕΝ ΟΨΕΙ

Παρ' όλο πού στήν Μελβούρνη ἡ ποδοσφαιρική ἐποχή δὲν ἔληξε, πρὸς μεγάλη χαρὰ τῆς διευθύνσεως τοῦ Ὀλύμπικ Πάρκ, παράγοντες, σύμβουλοι, προέδροι καὶ οἱ γραματεῖς ἤδη κινοῦνται πρὸς ὅλες τὶς κατευθύνσεις χρησιμοποιώντας ὅλα τὰ μέσα πού διαθέτουν γιά μιά καλή ἀγορά, ἔχοντας φυσικά τὸ μεγαλύτερο ἀποῦ στά χέρια τους, τὸ ταμεῖο τῆς ὁμάδος.

Φυσικά τὰ πάντα γίνονται μὲ ἀπόλυτη μυστικότητα καί μόνον ὑποθέσεις μπορεῖ νὰ κάνη κανείς γιά τὴν μεταγραφή ἑνὸς παίκτη, αὐτὸ ὅμως γιά τὸ ὁποῖο δὲν χρειάζονται ὑποθέσεις εἶναι τὸ... ὑδάρσιμο τὸ ποῖο ἑτοιμάζουν τὰ σωματεῖα τὰ ὁποῖα διαθέτουν τούς παῖκτες καί τά ὁποῖα θὰ μείνουν ἔξω ἀπό τὴν ἐθνική κατηγορία.

Τὸ πιό πρόσφατο παράδειγμα ἔδωσε ἡ Σλάβια, μὲ τὸν Τζίμ Τάνζη, τὸν παίκτη τὸν ὁποῖο οἱ διαιτητὲς ψήφισαν πρῶτο διότι ἦταν ὁ μόνος ἀξιόλογος παίκτης τῆς ὁμάδος του. Μισο - ἐπίσημες καὶ μισο - ἀνεπίσημες πληροφορίες ἀναφέρουν ὅτι ἡ Σλάβια ζητᾶ 12.000 δολλάρια.

Ἐπίσης ἀνεπίσημες πληροφορίες ἀναφέρουν ὅτι ὁ παίκτης προρίζεται γιὰ τὴν Ἑλλάς! Ὁ κ. Παπασάββας δήλωσε ἀμέσως ὅτι δὲν πρόκειται γιὰ πληρώση τόσα χρήματα γιὰ τὸν παίκτη καὶ δὲν ἔχει ἄδικο. Σέ τί ὕφος θὰ φθάσουν οἱ μεταγραφὲς ἂν ὁ Τάνζη μεταγραφῆ γιὰ 12.000 δολλάρια; Ὅπωσδήποτε μεγάλο καὶ δὲν θὰ ἀνταποκρίνεται στὴν πραγματικότητα διότι ὑπάρχουν παῖκτες πολύ καλύτεροι τοῦ Τάνζη πού αὐτὴ τὴν στιγμὴ ἀνήκουν σὲ ὁμάδες ἐκτὸς τῶν τεσσάρων. Θὰ ὑποστοῦν ὅμως τὰ τέσερα σωματεῖα τὸ ἄρμιγμα ἡ θὰ στραφοῦν γιὰ μά ἀκόμη φορὰ στὸ ἐξωτερικό. Ὑπάρχει ὅμως καί ἡ τρίτη λύση ἡ ὁποία ὅσο καί ὄν φαίνεται ἀπίθανη μπορεῖ νὰ γίνη. Νὰ ἀντισταθοῦν οἱ τέσσερις στὸν ἐκθιασμό, οἱ δέ ὑπόλοιπες ὁμάδες νὰ δώσουν τὴν εὐκαιρία στούς παῖκτες τους νὰ ἐξελιχθοῦν σὲ μονάδες τῆς ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας.

Γιὰ ὅσους ἔμειναν ἔξω ἀπὸ τὴν νέα κατηγορία γιὰ τὰ ἑπόμενα δύο χρόνια, τὸ μόνο πού ἀπομένει εἶναι νὰ καλιεργήσουν τὰ ταλέντα τῶν μικρῶν νὰ γίνουν φυτώρια τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου τῆς Αὐστραλίας γιὰ νὰ γλυτώσουμε σὲ λίγα χρόνια ἀπὸ τὶς εἰσαγωγὲς ἀμφιβόλου ποιότητος.

Φυσικά θὰ φέρουν ἀντιρρήσεις, λέγοντας ὅτι τὰ μεγάλα συματεῖα θὰ θελήσουν νὰ ἐκμεταλλευθοῦν τὴν κατάσταση ζητώντας ἐξευτελιστικά ποσά.

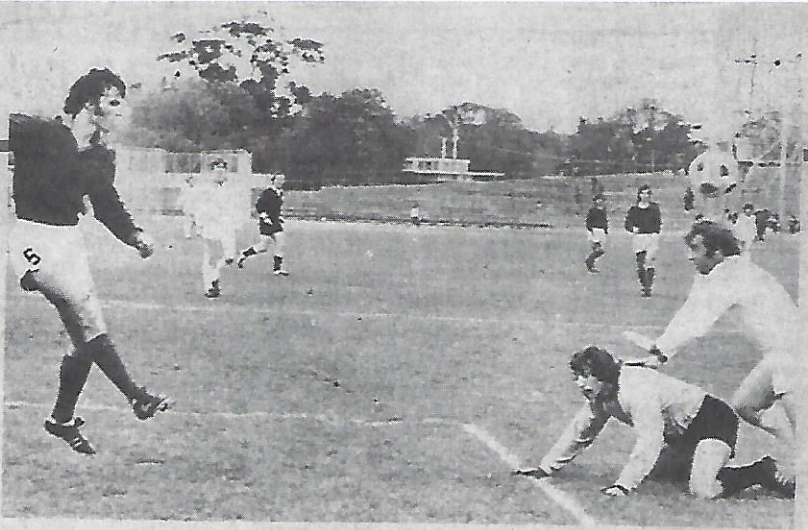
Λάθος. Τουλάχιστον ἡ Ἑλλάς καὶ ὁ Μέγας χρειάζονται ἀπὸ πέντε παῖκτες ἡ κάθε ὁμάδα καὶ τούς χρειάζονται ὁπωσδήποτε, ὁ πότε μιά εἰλικρινὴς συνεργασία θὰ βοηθήση καὶ τὴν μιά παράταξη καὶ τὴν ἄλλη στὴν περίοδο τῶν μεταγραφῶν.

Εἶναι λοιπὸν ἀνόητο ν' ἀρχίσουμε μὲ 12000 δολλάρια γιὰ ἕναν παίκτη τῆς ἀξίας τοῦ Τάνζη ἄσχετα ἂν αὐτὸς ἀνακυρήχθηκε ὁ καλύτερος παίκτης τῆς χρονιᾶς. Αὐτὸ ὅμως δὲν σημαίνει ὅτι ὁ παίκτης πρέπει νὰ μείνη στὴν Σλάβια ἂν ὑπάρχουν ἐνδιαφερόμενοι. Ὅπως δὲν θὰ πρέπει οἱ ὁμάδες νὰ κλείσουν τὸν δρόμο γιὰ ἕνα καλύτερο μέλον σὲ παίκτες ὅπως οἱ Κακόσκα καὶ Κάμινγκ τοῦ Σάνσαιν, Μπέρναντ καί Λώμετς τοῦ Πρέστον, Ἐμπίνι τῆς Τζ. Κρὸς, Ταρκουῖνο καὶ Σαμπατούσι τῆς Γιουβέντους, ἔτσι γιὰ νὰ ἀναφέρουμε μερικούς ἀπό τούς ταλαντούχους νεαρούς παῖκτες τῆς Βικτωρίας οἱ ὁποῖοι μποροῦν νὰ ἐνισχύσουν ὁποιαδήποτε ὁμάδα τῆς ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας καί ἰδιαίτερα τὸν Μέγα καὶ τὴν Ἑλλάς πού ἔχουν βγάλει τὸ πρωτάθλημα μὲ δύο ἤ τρεῖς μόνον παῖκτες στὸν πάγκο, ἐνῶ χρειάζονται ὁπωσδήποτε ἑπτά.

Φυσικά ὑπάρχουν τα λαντοῦχοι παῖκτες σὲ μικρότερες ὁμάδες ὁμάδες καὶ ἐλπίζω νὰ μή ἐπαναληφθῆ προηγούμενη ἱστορία μετα ξύ τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν ὁμάδων γιὰ τὴν μεταγραφή παικτῶν. Νομίζω ὅτι ὅλες οἱ ὁμάδες πρέπει νὰ δώσουν τὴν εὐκαιρία στούς παῖκτες τους —μέ τὸ ἄζη μίωπο φυσικά— νὰ ποογωρήσουν σὲ κάτι καλύτερο καὶ αὐτὸ τὸ κάτι εἶναι ἡ ἐθνική κατηγορία.

Π. Γεωργίου

"Up you go Denis", shouts Jim Kondarios to his 'keeper Denis Boland, as he hits a dangerous looking shot over the top of the bar and erases the imminent attack from the Hellas strikers.



The pressure is really on the Footscray JUST defence, as South Melbourne Hellas mid fielder Peter Bourne gets set to head the ball goalward, during their side's clash at Olympic Park on Sunday.

JUST's Jim Kondarios has tried to clear the ball, while goalkeeper Denis Boland looks a worried player on the turf.

VIC

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Ristovski 40th minute, Palinkas 43rd). SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Cummings 51st, Ollerton 69th). Best players: Hellas — Armstrong, Baperis, Mackay. J.U.S.T. — Parrott, Kriaris, Palinkas, Ristovski.

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Murphy 2nd). MOOROOLBARK 0. Best players: George Cross — Kastner, Maitland, Webb, McConville, Mooroolbark — Vaughan, Ivanoff, Pongho.

STATE LEAGUE CUP LADDER
(Top two qualify for final)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	1	1	0	6	2	3
Hellas	1	1	0	4	3	3
George Cross	1	0	1	1	4	2
Mooroolbark	0	0	2	1	3	0

N.S.W.

AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND FINALS

APIA 1 (Doyle). St George 0. At Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 10,250.

RESERVE GRADE: Marconi 2 (Thompson own goal, Brizuela). St George 1 (Muracovic).

THIRD GRADE: Sutherland 2 (Hall, Heather). Marconi 1 (Tomasich).

DIVISION 2 (Grade 2)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	14	3	5	35	18	31
Bankstown District	11	7	4	33	22	29
Arncliffe Scots	10	5	7	44	23	25
Toongabbie	9	7	6	47	28	25
Guildford Wanderers	10	5	7	37	26	25
Canterbury Marrickville	9	6	7	27	18	24
Yugal-Prague	9	5	8	33	26	23
Riverside-Avala	8	6	8	24	25	22
North Sydney Inter	6	5	11	18	44	17
Melita Eagles	5	6	11	21	42	16
Northern Districts	2	11	9	10	24	15
Marrickville	4	4	14	22	55	12

DIVISION 2 (Grade 3)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside-Avala	15	1	5	47	20	31
Northern Districts	12	6	4	43	22	30
Melita Eagles	12	6	4	39	25	30
Yugal-Prague	14	1	7	46	24	29
Bankstown District	12	5	5	41	22	29
Arncliffe Scots	11	5	6	42	26	27
Guildford Wanderers	10	6	6	35	21	26
North Sydney Inter	10	5	7	44	30	25
Polonia	7	3	12	27	54	17
Marrickville	6	2	14	22	48	14
Canterbury Marrickville	2	1	19	16	60	5
Toongabbie	0	1	21	10	60	1

OVERSEAS

RUSSIA

Dinamo Tbilisi beat Dinamo Minsk 2-0 in a Soviet Football Championship match.

FRANCE

Valenciennes 0, Angers 2; Metz 1, Rennes 0; Marseilles 3, Lille 2; Troyes 1, Sochaux 0; Bastia 3, Nancy 2; Bordeaux 3, Nice 1; Lens 2, Rheims 2; Laval 0, Nimes 1; Nantes 3, Paris SG 3; Saint Etienne 1, Lyons 1.

HUNGARY

Csepel 2, Ujpest Dozsa 1; Diosgyoer 3, Ferencvaros 2; MTK-VM 3, Raba Eto 0; Videoton 4, Salgotarjan 0; Bekescsaba 4, Dorog 1; Szombathely 0, Dunaujvaros 2; Zalaegerszeg 3, Kapusvar 1; Tatabanya 1, Szeged 0; BP Honved 2, Vasas 1.

Ferencvaros, with 16 points from 10 games, head the table. Ujpest Dozsa also have 16 points but are behind on goal average while Haladas Szombathely in third place have 15 points.

BULGARIA

Slavia 4, Beroe 0; Levski Spartak 2, Pirin 0; CSKA 1, Akademic (Sofia) 0; Sliven 1, Locomotive (Sofia) 0; Locomotive (Plovdiv) 1, Dounav 0; Botev 1, Minyor 0; Marek 3, Academic (Svishtov) 0; JSK Spartak 0, Trakia 1.

WEST GERMANY

There were no games in the West German Football League on Saturday because of second round matches in the West German Football Association Cup.

AUSTRIA

SSW Innsbruck 1, Vienna 0; Rapid 1, Sturm Graz 1; Voest Linz 5, Linzer ASK 1; Admira Wacker 2, Austria Salzburg 0; Grazer AK 3, Austria WAC 2.

Innsbruck head the table with 17 points from 13 games, with Rapid and Grazer AK on 15.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Bohemians Prague 1, Skoda Plzen 0; Spartak Trnava 1, Lokomotiva Kosice 0; Inter Bratislava 2, Dukla Praha 2; Jednota Trencin 3, Sklounion Teplice 1; Sparta Praha 0, Frydek Mistek 1; Banik Ostrava 1, Slavia Praha 1.

ITALY

There were no Italian First Division soccer matches on Sunday because of the World Cup qualifying match against Luxembourg on Saturday.

GREECE

Apollon 2, OFI 0; Aris 2, Iraklis 0; Ethnikos 1, Atromitos 0; Kastoria 0, AEK 3; Panathinaikos 5, Kavala 0; Panionios 0, Yannina 0; Panserraikos 3, Panaitolikos 0; Paok 2, Panachaiki 0; Pierikos 0, Olympiakos 1.

HOLLAND

VVV Venlo 1, NAC Breda 1; FC Twente Enscheda 1, Ajax Amsterdam 2; FC Utrecht 1, Sparta Rotterdam 0; Tolstar Velsen 3, FC Den Haag 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2, PSV Eindhoven 5; Feyenoord Rotterdam 7, Haarlem 0; FC Amsterdam 2, AZ67 Alkmaar 6; Roda JC Kerkrade 3, De Graafschap Doetinchem 0; Eindhoven 3, NEC Nijmegen 1.

Table after 10 matches: 1, Feyenoord 17 points (30-7); 2, Roda JC 17 points (18-3); 3, Ajax 16 points; 4, PSV 12 points (23-12); 5, FC Utrecht 12 points (14-13); 6, Haarlem 12 points (13-12).

POLAND

There were no Polish First Division soccer matches this week due to the World Cup game between Poland and Portugal.

BELGIUM

FC Malinois 1, Anderlecht 1; RWD Molenbeek 3, Waregem 0; CS Bruges 2, FC Brugeois 2; Winterslag 2, Zoersen 1; Antwerp 0, Standard Liege 0; Courtrai 0, Charleroi 0; Ostend 1, Beringen 1; FC Liegeois 0, Lierse 2; Beveren 2, Beerschot 1.

SPAIN

Salgueiros 1, Lourosa 1; Penafiel 0, Espinho 0; Famalicao 2, Pacos Ferreira 1; Gil Vicente 0, Vilis Real 1; Regua 1, Riopelo 0; Vilanovense 0, Paredes 2; Chaves 1, Tirsense 0; Uniao de Lamas v Fafe, postponed.

CENTRAL ZONE

Portalegrense 2, Torres Novas 0; Marinhense 2, Torreense 0; Alba 2, Caldas 1; Sanjoanense 3, Academico Viseu 1; Uniao Tomar 2, Feirense 3; Uniao Coimbra 2, Covilha 0; Peniche 0, Uniao Leiria 0; Uniao Santarem 1, Estrela Portalegre 0.

SOUTHERN ZONE

Lusitano Evora 1, Esperanca De Lagos 1; Barreirense 2, Sesimbra 0; Odivelas 3, Alcochetense 4; Olhanense 0, Uniao Montemor 0; Sintrense 0, Farense 1; Almada 2, Oriental 0; Maritimo Funchal 1, CUF Barreiro 0; Vasco Gamas de Sines 3, Juventude Evora 2.

YUGOSLAVIA

Napredak 2, Olimpija 2; Buducnost 1, OFK Beograd 1; Radnicki 2, Partizan 0; Zeljeznicar 1, Zagreb 1; Red Star 2, Sarajevo 1; Sloboda 2, Rijeka 1; Dinamo 5, Borac 1; Vojvodina 2, Hajduk 1; Celik 0, Velez 0.

UNITED KINGDOM

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 2, Stoke 0; Birmingham 3, Middlesbrough 1; Bristol City 0, Leicester 1; Coventry 1, Newcastle 1; Derby 8, Tottenham 2; Liverpool 3, Everton 1; Manchester City 0, QPR 0; Norwich 1, Leeds 2; Sunderland 0, Aston Villa 1; West Bromwich Albion 4, Manchester United 0; West Ham 0, Ipswich 2.

DIVISION TWO: Blackpool 1, Notts Forest 0; Bolton 1, Bristol Rovers 0; Burnley 4, Charlton 4; Carlisle 1, Luton 1; Chelsea 4, Oldham 3; Hull 2, Wolves 0; Millwall 0, Blackburn 1; Notts County 0, Orient 1; Plymouth 2, Cardiff 2; Sheffield United 1, Fulham 1; Southampton 1, Hereford 0.

DIVISION THREE: Brighton 1, Peterborough 0; Chester 1, Mansfield 0; Gillingham 0, Lincoln 1; Grimsby 1, York 0; Northampton 3, Portsmouth 1 (played Friday). Oxford 2, Bury 2; Port Vale 2, Wrexham 3; Preston 2, Crystal Palace 1; Reading 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Rotherham 1, Tranmere 2; Shrewsbury 3, Chesterfield 0; Walsall 2, Swindon 0.

DIVISION FOUR: Barnsley 1, Aldershot 0; Bradford City 3, Newport 1; Cambridge 1, Scunthorpe 0 (played Friday). Colchester 6, Hartlepool 2; Crewe 3, Halifax 1; Darlington 2, Torquay 1; Exeter 0, Workington 0; Huddersfield 2, Doncaster 1; Rochdale 0, Southend 0; Stockport 2, Southport 2 (played Friday). Swansea 5, Brentford 3 (played Friday). Watford 1, Bournemouth 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Ayr United 0, Celtic 2; Hibernian 0, Partick 0; Motherwell 1, Hearts 1; Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0. Dundee United v Kilmarnock, postponed, ground waterlogged.

DIVISION ONE: Clydebank 2, Dundee 1; Falkirk 1, Airdrie 0; Montrose 2, East Fife 0; Morton 4, Arbroath 1; Queen of the South 1, St Mirren 1; Raith 0, Hamilton 2; St Johnstone 1, Dumbarton 2.

DIVISION TWO: Albion 0, Stenhousemuir 1; Alloa 1, Queens Park 1; Clyde 1, Berwick 0; Dunfermline 1, East Stirling 0; Forfar 0, Stirling 2; Meadowbank 3, Cowdenbeath 1; Stranraer 3, Brechin 1.

NORTHERN IRISH GOLD CUP: Ards 1, Glentoran 3; Banger 2, Glenavon 1; Crusaders 0, Cliftonville 3; Larne 3, Coleraine 1; Linfield 2, Ballymena United 0; Portadown 6, Distillery 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	6	1	2	14	7	13
Manchester City	4	5	1	15	10	13
Middlesbrough	5	3	2	7	6	13
Arsenal	5	2	2	16	10	12
West Bromwich Albion	4	3	3	16	11	11
Everton	4	3	3	16	12	11
Ipswich Town	4	3	2	16	13	11
Manchester United	4	3	2	15	12	11
Newcastle United	3	5	2	14	11	11
Leicester City	2	7	1	8	8	11
Aston Villa	5	0	4	16	9	10
Birmingham City	4	2	3	15	10	10
Coventry City	3	3	3	12	12	9
Leeds United	3	3	4	13	14	9
Queens Park Rangers	3	3	4	13	16	9
Stoke City	3	3	4	6	11	9
Norwich City	3	2	6	10	16	8
Derby County	1	5	3	15	16	7
Bristol City	2	3	4	9	10	7
Tottenham Hotspur	2	2	5	10	22	6
West Ham United	1	3	6	7	19	5
Sunderland	0	4	5	5	13	4

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	7	1	2	17	14	15
Blackpool	6	1	4	17	11	13
Wolverhampton Wanderers	4	3	3	22	14	11
Bolton Wanderers	5	1	4	17	14	11
Hull City	4	3	3	14	12	11
Charlton Athletic	4	3	3	23	22	11
Oldham Athletic	4	3	3	14	15	11
Nottingham Forest	3	4	3	21	15	10
Millwall	4	2	4	14	17	10
Plymouth Argyle	3	4	3	17	15	10
Blackburn Rovers	4	2	4	13	12	10
Fulham	3	4	2	13	12	10
Luton Town	4	2	4	14	14	10
Bristol Rovers	4	2	4	11	11	10
Sheffield United	2	6	2	12	15	10
Carlisle	3	4	3	15	19	10
Southampton	3	3	4	16	19	9
Notts County	4	1	5	12	19	9
Burnley	2	4	4	14	16	8
Cardiff City	3	2	5	15	18	8
Orient	2	3	5	9	13	7
Hereford United	2	2	6	13	22	6

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton and Hove Albion	7	2	2	27	13	16
Wrexham	7	1	2	22	9	15
Shrewsbury Town	6	2	2	22	10	14
Sheffield Wednesday	5	4	2	18	13	14
Preston North End	4	5	2	20	12	13
Rotherham United	4	4	2	16	10	12
Lincoln City	4	4	2	13	9	12
Bury	5	2	3	18	16	12
Reading	5	2	4	16	15	12
Swindon Town	5	2	4	15	15	12
Mansfield Town	5	1	4	17	10	11
Crystal Palace	4	3	3	11	9	11
Gillingham	4	3	3	15	16	11
Chester	4	3	4	8	12	11
Peterborough United	4	2	7	14	24	10
Oxford United	2	5	3	19	19	9
Tranmere Rovers	3	3	4	9	10	9
Walsall	3	3	5	13	20	9
Grimsby Town	3	2	5	10	16	8
Chesterfield	3	2	6	12	21	8
Northampton Town	2	2	6	8	14	6
Port Vale	2	2	7	11	20	6
York City	2	2	6	10	21	6
Portsmouth	1	3	6	8	18	5

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bradford City	6	2	2	26	15	14
Stockport County	6	2	2	17	11	14
Cambridge United	5	3	2	18	9	13
Rochdale	4	5	1	11	6	13
Bournemouth	4	5	1	12	8	13
Colchester	5	2	3	19	11	12
Huddersfield	5	2	3	13	9	12
Aldershot	5	2	3	13	10	12
Southend United	3	6	1	11	9	12
Exeter City	4	3	3	14	14	11
Swansea City	4	3	3	18	20	11
Scunthorpe United	4	2	4	14	10	10
Barnsley	4	2	3	12	10	10
Watford	4	2	4	15	15	10
Crewe Alexandra	4	2	4	13	15	10
Darlington	4	2	4	10	14	10
Torquay United	3	3	3	10	9	9
Doncaster Rovers	3	3	4	15	16	9
Newport County	2	3	5	6	11	7
Brentford	1	4	5	13	17	6
Halifax Town	1	4	5	7	14	6
Workington	1	4	5	6	15	6
Southport	0	4	6	6	17	4
Hartlepool	0	4	6	9	23	4

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dundee United	5	0	0	11	3	10
Rangers	2	4	0	9	6	8
Aberdeen	2	3	1	11	5	7
Celtic	2	3	1	11	6	7
Hearts	0	6	1	11	13	6
Motherwell	1	3	2	8	9	5
Hibernian	0	5	1	5	6	5
Partick Thistle	1	3	2	5	6	5
Ayr United	1	2	4	7	18	4
Kilmarnock	0	3	2	3	9	3

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clydebank	8	2	1	26	10	18
St Mirren	7	4	1	26	13	18
Dundee	6	3	3	30	22	15
Morton	5	4	2	24	17	14
Hamilton Academicals	6	2	4	24	24	14
Airdrieonians	5	3	4	22	15	13
Montrose	5	3	4	18	17	13
Queen of the South	3	5	4	16	16	11
Dumbarton	4	2	5	18	17	10
St Johnstone	3	4	5	14	17	10
Arbroath	4	2	6	11	18	10
Falkirk	3	1	7	15	29	7
Raith	1	4	7	9	22	6
East Fife	1	3	8	11	27	5

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stranraer	9	0	3	27	12	18
Stirling Albion	7	2	1	20	9	16
Queens Park	6	3	3	18	11	15
Stenhousemuir	7	1	4	17	16	15
Alloa	5	4	2	23	13	14
Cowdenbeath	5	3	2	13	11	13
Meadowbank Thistle	3	5	3	14	13	11
Clyde	4	3	4	20	20	11
East Stirling	3	5	4	14	14	11
Dunfermline Athletic	3	4	4	11	13	10
Albion Rovers	1	5	3	12	15	7
Brechin City	0	6	6	13	24	6
Forfar Athletic	0	5	7	9	25	5
Berwick Rangers	0	4	7	7	22	4

George Cross defender Norm Maitland clears the ball away from Australia's leading goalscorer in Graham French, before he has the chance to get his foot to the ball and possibly score.

The dazzling performance by Maitland was one of the main reasons why George Cross downed Mooroolbark 1-0.

George Cross goalie Lou Kastner sprawls wide in his successful bid to knock away a free kick taken by a Hellas player.